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SPEAKER KERR'S COMMITTEES.

UNKNOWN MEN IN THE PROMINENT PLACES, AND MEN OF NATIONAL REPUTATION IN COMPARATIVE OBSCURITY—DISSATISFACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS—THE STRIFE BETWEEN WOOD AND COX.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—If the Democratic House had the choosing of a Speaker again they would not elect Mr. Kerr. Perhaps a month hence, when some of his newly-discovered men have exhibited unlooked-for ability, and when disappointed members have become fitted into the places to which they are assigned, he may again be the hero of the party. To-night there is a great deal of dissatisfaction and in some quarters intense disgust. Mr. Randall moved an adjournment so suddenly after the reading of the list was finished that no one had opportunity to decline, or in any other way express dissatisfaction. If there was any danger of an open rupture it was averted, and by the time the House meets again anger and excitement will have passed away. Mr. Wood will, after all, serve in the second place on the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Cox when asked where he had been assigned, replied he had been "stuck in some —— hole," and there he will stick. Of course the members of less prominence will limit their protests to a brief period of grumbling. The Committee on Elections, which is first on the list and a very important committee, has Harris, of Virginia, as Chairman, and Thompson, of Massachusetts, is second. Thompson was down for Chairman till late last night, when Harris was placed on the committee above him. This was done to avoid the example of placing a new member in a prominent Chairmanship, which would have removed the only excuse for making Morrison Chairman of the Ways and Means—that he was an old member. This designation of Harris will also insure a report in favor of the claim of Goode to the seat contested by Platt. The only Republican member of the last House placed on the Committee on Elections is Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, who will bear the brunt of opposition to a committee determined to do everything for party and very little for law. The leader of the House discovered and appointed by Mr. Kerr to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means is Mr. Morrison, of Illinois. He has been Speaker of the lower branch of the State Legislature. He came into Congress at the same time with Mr. Garfield and served one term. He was a member of the last Congress and is now serving his third term. He has never done anything or made a speech that can be recalled since he became a member. He is an obscure and unknown member, and his appointment is wholly for political and personal reasons. He is regarded as one of the shrewdest political workers in his party. His district is naturally Republican, and it is only a very "shrewd" Democrat who can carry it. This distinction makes him a prominent candidate for Governor in the next State Convention. He did more than any other man to secure the Speakership for Mr. Kerr, and has advised and assisted in preparing the list of committees. He has his reward. Mr. Wood is second on the committee.

It is now given out that there was a very bitter contest between Wood and Cox for the position, so that Mr. Kerr could not decide between them, and that this was the reason for degrading both. That this is not the reason is shown by the positive announcement made by intimates of the Speaker on the day of his election that Mr. Wood could not under any circumstances have the position. It was not till it had been definitely decided that Mr. Wood was too heavy a load that Cox's name was mentioned for the place, and then, of course, the friends of Wood did what they could to divert the double blow of his deposition and the elevation of his colleague above him. The affair was a premeditated thrust at Mr. Wood. He has expected it, and talked ferociously for a week; but he met with the committee to-day, and in fact rather assumed the management of its affairs. It has been hinted in a mysterious manner, as though more was meant than was said, that Mr. Wood cannot afford to make any trouble; but what hook is in the nose of this leviathan is carefully concealed. The assignment of two members from one State—Illinois—on this committee is in violation of all precedent, and is wholly unjust. The majority on the committee is strongly in contrast with the minority in real power, the Democrats being greatly overmatched in ability and experience by Blaine, Garfield, Kelley, and Burchard. The only Protectionist on the committee is Kelley, of Pennsylvania the other members, who are not distinctively Free-traders, being in favor of a "tariff for revenue."

Mr. Cox is given the Committee on Banking and Currency, an important place, but he is not satisfied with it. Next to being leader of the House he desired, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to direct the soarings of the bird of freedom. Up to Saturday last Mr. Kerr intended to appoint him Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. The appeals and protests in behalf of Wood prevailed to save him from such a conspicuous degradation as would be involved in placing Cox at the head of the committee on which Wood had served so many years. Kerr is also quoted as saying a week ago that he would appoint Cox to the position with great reluctance. Mr. Cox was next assigned to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, but the argument which kept him off the Ways and Means was again used against him. Gov. Swann, of Maryland, was by every precedent entitled to the place, and last night it was finally decided that Cox must have the Committee on Banking and Currency. He is very much displeased, but will serve. The committee is strongly, if not unanimously, opposed to an increase of paper money. Cox, Payne, Townsend, and Kasson have good records on the money question. Of the remaining six members it is believed three may be relied upon to uphold an honest currency, so that the House will have not even an opportunity to vote on a bill to repeal the resumption act, for no such bill will ever get beyond the committee. There has been a chronic controversy between this committee, and the Ways and Means regarding the jurisdiction of such subjects, for instance, as those relating to the public debt. Mr. Cox will, against Morrison, probably be able to enlarge the importance of the committee. The Committee on Pacific Railroads verifies the suggestion in these dispatches of last night that it would be constructed in the interest of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Lamar, the Chairman, has been from the first a supporter of the job, and Atkins, of Tennessee, both by inclination and the instruction of his State Legislature, is also its advocate. Walker, of Virginia, is in favor of it, and Throckmorton, of Texas, has ever been wedded to its interests. Phillips, of Missouri, is friendly, and O'Neil, of Philadelphia, is of course in favor of any scheme directed by the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. Luttrell, of California, is for it in certain contingencies. Atkins, Lamar, and O'Neil voted last year to take it up, and Throckmorton voted the other day against Mr. Holman's anti-subsidy resolutions. Mr. Thomas, of Maryland, is the only Democrat on the committee unequivocally opposed to the scheme, and Garfield, Kasson, and Platt, of New-York, Republicans, support him in the opposition. Thus the committee stands always six to five in favor of the subsidy, and in certain contingencies seven to four. Randall's friends enjoy the disgust of those who voted for Kerr on the supposition that he was hostile to this subsidy.

The House is inclined to laugh at the appointment of Proctor Knott as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, but he is certainly a man of wit, and is said to have a good reputation and extensive legal practice at home. The Democrats on this committee are overbalanced by the four Republicans, McCrary, Lawrence, Frye, and Starkweather. Sayler, of Ohio, was finally given a better assignment than he expected last night. Instead of having the Committee on the Judiciary, or a place below the Chairman on it, and the Committee on the Revision of Laws, he has the Public Lands Committee, and is better satisfied than many other members. Gov. Swann is a much better appointment for the Committee on Foreign Affairs than Mr. Cox would have been. The former is moderate and reasonable, and will not propose bloody wars for the sake of making patriotic speeches. The most important subject which this committee may be called to consider is the relations between the United States and Spain. The members are non-committal regarding their views on the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban Republic, or intervention. As nearly as can be learned, the committee is quite in sympathy with the Cubans, but not to the extent of advising rash and inconsiderate measures.

The Military Affairs Committee, with Banning at the head, is in favor of a material reduction of the Army, which will be a feature of the Democratic policy. The Committee on Commerce has Hereford, of West Virginia, for Chairman. It is apparently made up in favor of the Southern schemes for rebuilding the commerce of the South. The Committee on War Claims is not likely to be very generous in its recommendations. It will not probably help the claims of Unionists, and cannot yet pass upon the claims of Confederates. The placing of Buckner, of Missouri, at the head of the Committee on the District of Columbia was an afterthought, and was done last night. Barnum, of Connecticut, was certainly on the list yesterday, and last night he expected the appointment. Mr. Kerr has said that if he could find eleven honest men in the House he would put them on the District Committee. He has found some new men, but the committee does not seem particularly strong. The names do not suggest that Mr. Kerr's search for honest men was successful among the widely known Democrats. Why Mr. Barnum was not made Chairman is unexplained. Mr. Holman, besides his place on the Appropriations Committee, is Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. This particular appointment was not settled until a late hour last night. Mr. Wells, of Missouri, who was on the list for this place, withdrew to enable the Speaker to propitiate Holman by offering him this committee, and thus Wells, one of the best of the old members, get no chairmanship at all. This shows the haste with which the making up of the committees was concluded. The appointment of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service was received with a laugh. It is safe to say that the majority of the committee is in favor of turning out all the clerks, and appointing Democrats. The Committee on the Centennial is a strong one, and undoubtedly in favor of an appropriation to insure the success of the Exhibition.

There is great dissatisfaction among some of the State delegations at the composition of the committees, because the local interests cared for by the State Representatives seem to have been entirely overlooked, and men appointed to places who are unfitted by inclination and interest to serve in them. For instance, the State of Wisconsin has always had a representative on the Committee on Commerce to look after its river interests; but this year Mr. Kerr ignored the request of the entire delegation from that State for representation on the committee, and appointed Mark H. Dunnell, of Minnesota, who is said to be hostile to the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. This State has also had a place on Indian Affairs, but this year its desires are ignored, and instead it has two places not wanted, on the Judiciary and Banking and Currency Committees. The distribution of the chairmanships and important places among the States is peculiar. Pennsylvania obtains the chairmanships of seven committees, two of which are of importance—Appropriations and Invalid Pensions. The Centennial is a special committee, and was given to Hopkins, of the Pittsburg District, who moved to create it. Clymer is given the chairmanships of two committees—Library and Expenditures in the War Department. In addition to obtaining the head of seven committees, Pennsylvania is represented on the Ways and Means, which is equal to another chairmanship, and also on Banking and Currency. New-York has five Chairmen, of which Banking and Currency is the most important. The others are: Reform in the Civil Service, Expense on Public Buildings, and Expenditures in the Navy and Treasury Departments. Illinois is given the Ways and Means and two committees on expenditures in the departments, and in addition has an extra man on Ways and Means, and is represented in Banking and Currency. Indiana has two Chairmen—Public Buildings and Grounds and Accounts, and is represented on Appropriations and Banking and Currency. Ohio gets three good committees—Public Lands, Military Affairs, and Territories, to which Militia is added. Ohio has also a member on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Banking and Currency. Kentucky and Missouri get each four Chairmen, the first named getting the Judiciary, Revision of the Laws, Public Expenditures, and Railways and Canals, and the latter Post Offices and Post Roads, Mines and Mining, Manufactures, and the District of Columbia.

The manner in which Schumaker, of New-York, and King, of Minnesota, have been disposed of is significant, and has caused some comment. Schumaker, who is an old member and a Democrat, is placed below his Democratic colleagues on Revolutionary Pensions, a Committee, which is never called; while King is placed at the foot of the Militia Committee, which is another committee of no importance and seldom called. The connection of those two members with Pacific Mail has no doubt caused the Speaker to slight them thus conspicuously.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

MR. FERRY'S POSITION—THE INTENT IN ELECTING HIM TILL JANUARY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The resolution declaring Mr. Ferry to be President *pro tempore* of the Senate till the 7th of January was intended to guard absolutely against any contingency that may arise before the reassembling of Congress, but it is not intended to have any bearing upon the question referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by Senator Edmunds' resolution for a new election. It does, however, emphasize the doubt that has been raised regarding Mr. Ferry's election, and is an admission that the Senate may elect if it chooses without regard to the existence of a vacancy.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

CONFERENCE OF COLORED MEN ON SOUTHERN AFFAIRS — CONFIRMATIONS — APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A conference of colored Republicans of the District of Columbia, together with a number of colored citizens from the Southern States, was recently held in this city, with a view of securing suffrage and increased benefits of education in this district by Congressional legislation, and of bringing to the notice of the President of the United States the solicitude of the colored people in regard to the means used by the Democracy of Mississippi in overthrowing the Republican majority, and their apprehension that similar results may follow a like course pursued by the "white liners" in other States. A. W. A. De Leon, of Mississippi, who presided, said among other things, "the action of the present Confederate leaders in the House of Representatives ought to admonish them, and if the loyal people of the South do not rise in their might and correct the infamous abuse of power now existing in nearly all the Southern States, they will see as appalling a sight as the Romans did when Pompey and Cæsar drove their murderous legions in cold blood over the liberties of Rome."

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Henry A. Lockwood, Deputy Commissioner of Customs; Joseph M. Livermore, Surveyor of Eastport and Passamaquoddy, Me.; George E. Hoskinson, of Wisconsin, United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica; William Nicholson, of Kansas, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Central Superintendency.

Postmasters.—Frederick E. Leiter, at Charlotte, Mich.; Martin Haven, at Albion, Mich.; Albert Towle, at Beatrice, Neb.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter dated Dec. 17, 1875, in answer to an inquiry as to whether it is his purpose to make a reapportionment of the clerkships in the Treasury Department among the States and Territories on the basis of population, states that he does not construe section 2 of the act of March 3, 1873, as directing a reapportionment to the extent of dismissing clerks from States which now have an excess of appointments, but only as a direction to the Secretary with reference to future appointments.

The following appointments were made to-day: Store-keepers, Murray S. Cross for the Fifteenth District of Pennsylvania, and William F. Brown or the Second District of Kentucky; Gaugers, Isaac G. Thorn for the Eighth District of Tennessee; R. T. Bishop for the Second District of Kentucky, and Hiram M. Bryson and Eldridge C. Holden for the Sixth District of Kentucky.

The Secretary of the Interior to-day decided upon appeal the long-contested case of the heirs of Murray McConnell versus the Chicago and North-western Railroad Company, involving the title in land lying north and at the mouth of the Chicago River upon which the depot of the company now stands, and of which the reputed value is several millions of dollars, the decision being in favor of the company, and to the effect that their title to the land is valid. This case was argued on the 2d inst. by Messrs. Smith & Reddington, of this city, and B. C. Cook, of Chicago, for the company, and by ex-Attorney General Williams and Mr. E. C. Ingersol, for the heirs of McConnell.

The Secretary of the Treasury caused an investigation to be made of the statement that the crew of the life-saving station No. 12, (not No. 1 as published,) on the coast of Cape Cod, failed to render proper assistance to the schooner Fred Warren. The report shows that no blame is to be attached to the crew; that owing to the severe gale blowing off shore at the time it was impossible to have reached the schooner in a condition to render any assistance. This was the unanimous opinion of the wreckers on the coast, expressed at the time. The report further shows that two large steamers, the Allentown and the Lancaster, both tried to render assistance to the schooner, but failed on account of the severity of the gale. The crew of the Fred Warren were finally rescued.

The following were the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $9,801,120; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $45,570,000; coin, $69,030,137, including coin certificates, $21,453,800; outstanding legal tenders, $372,471,772.

A large number of members of Congress left Washington to-night for their respective homes to spend the holidays.

STATE RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS.

SENATOR M'DONALD'S SUBSTITUTE FOR THE MORTON RESOLUTIONS—THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY RESOLUTIONS REAFFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The concurrent resolutions which Senator McDonald of Indiana will offer in the Senate after the holiday recess as a substitute for those recently submitted by Senator Morton, and of which he gave notice to-day, have not been perfected, and therefore could not be presented to-day. The following is a rough draft of them containing the substance thereof, though the phraseology may be changed somewhat before their presentation to the Senate:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the people of the United States constitute a nation, and are one people in the manner only, and the extent provided for in the Federal Constitution, and the amendments thereto.

Resolved, That the United Colonies declared and achieved their independence, and the Federal Constitution was formed and adopted by the several States formerly comprising the confederacy and called the United States of America, the chief purpose of which was to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity and provide for the common defense, and the powers not delegated by it to the United States nor prohibited by it to the States were reserved to the States respectively and to the people.

Resolved, That, as the States were, at the time of the formation and adoption of the Constitution, each sovereign, free, and independent, except in so far only as such sovereignty had been expressly delegated to the Congress by the articles of Confederation, the rights reserved to the States and to the people in the formation of the Federal Government were sovereign rights which cannot be impaired without usurpation, and the only safe rule by which to administer the Federal Government with respect to the rights of the States and the people is a strict construction of the Federal Constitution and the amendments thereto, and the assumption of no doubtful power.

Resolved, That in the formation of the Federal Government it was the clear design to leave each State and the people thereof sovereign as to all matters of local or domestic concern, and to confer upon the Federal Goverment sovereign powers as to such matters as might affect the general welfare of all the States, or as might be necessary to secure domestic tranquillity, which powers are defined in the Federal Constitution and its amendments, the people of the United States, therefore, from the nature and character of their governments, State and National, and from their relations to each, are not a "national unity" in the ordinary sense of that term.

Resolved, That it being the design to make the Government formed under the Federal Constitution perpetual, the right of any State, or any number of States, to secede from the Union was not reserved, so far as right has been claimed to exist it should be deemed forever settled against it by the results of the late civil war.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

THE DISABLED STEAMERS.

WHEN AND WHERE THE VILLE DE BREST FELL IN WITH L'AMERIQUE—THE SUEVIA'S COLLISION OFF CUXHAVEN.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 20.—The steam-ship Ville de Brest fell in with l'Amerique on the 3d of December in latitude 50° north and longitude 18° west. From that day until the 6th a heavy gale prevailed, with a very bad sea. On the 6th l'Amerique was made fast to the Ville de Brest, and her passengers transferred to the latter. The Ville de Brest sailed this afternoon for Havre. L'Amerique will go into dock. The passengers are all well, and sailed for Havre by the Ville de Brest.

HAVRE, Dec. 20.—The Hamburg-American steam-ship Suevia was detained here several days in consequence of a slight collision off Cuxhaven. She will sail for New-York to-morrow.

FRANCE.

TURBULENT SCENE IN THE ASSEMBLY ON A MOTION FOR AMNESTY TO COMMUNISTS—REPRESENTATION AT PHILADELPHIA.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Assembly balloted to-day for Senators without result. M. Naquet, a Radical leader, introduced a motion that amnesty be granted the Communists, and requested that it be declared "urgent." The tumult which followed was indescribable. The previous question was almost unanimously carried, the Left considering the motion, which cannot pass, an electioneering trick. The affair causes a complete rupture between the extreme Radicals and the Left.

At a meeting of the Centennial Commission to-day it was announced that the application of France for an increase of space at the Exhibition Buildings at Philadelphia had been granted. The plans for the French section are now closed. The exhibitors will number more than two thousand.

THE BREMERHAVEN CRIME.

THE CLOCK-WORKS NOT ALL DELIVERED TO THOMPSON.

LONDON, Dec. 21—5:30 A. M.—A letter to the *Times*, from Berlin, says Fuchs, the mechanician, had not delivered to Thompson any of the twenty additional machines ordered by him.

The *Daily News* is informed that Thompson positively denied that he had any accomplice in his plot.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ANOTHER FAILURE OF LONDON MERCHANTS—SAILING OF THE CABLE STEAMER FARADAY.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Messrs. Lawton & Head, merchants, shipping and insurance agents, doing business at India Building Queen Victoria street, this city, have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at $950,000.

The steamer Faraday, having completed her preparations for repairing the direct cable, cleared to-day for New-Providence, Bahama Islands.

EUROPEAN GRAIN TRADE.

WEEKLY REVIEW BY THE MARK LANE EXPRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The *Mark Lane Express*, in its weekly review of the grain trade, says: "Prices in several of our markets have declined a shilling. In Paris flour has been dull. The markets in Holland, Germany, Hungary, the Danubian Principalities, and Egypt generally show no change. At Dantzic fine old wheat is a shilling higher, and best new is firm. At St. Petersburg quotations have fallen a shilling."

THE LENNIE MUTINY.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE GREEK SAILORS IN FRANCE SUSPENDED.

NANTES, Dec. 20.—The examination of the Greek sailors for complicity in the Lennie mutiny has been suspended for the present at the request of the Earl of Derby, the English Foreign Minister.

SPAIN.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE NORTH—ARRAIGNMENT OF COUNT MARFORI.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—Gens. Quesada and Campos have arrived at Saragossa and left for Navarre.

The Cadiz papers assert that Count Marfori has been arraigned.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Dec. 20.—The Alfonsist General Moriones will begin his campaign by a movement for the relief of this place and Hernani, after which he is expected to advance on the Carlist position at Tolosa.

MALACCA.

A CHINESE RIOT—TROOPS SENT TO RESTORE ORDER.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A telegraph dispatch from Gov. Jervois states that there is a Chinese riot in Malacca, and he has sent troops there to restore order.

CUBA.

RESIGNATION OF VALMASEDA — HE WILL LEAVE FOR SPAIN THIS WEEK.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Captain General Valmaseda, considering the new rules introduced into the administration of the island by the Madrid Government incompatible with the power he ought to wield in view of his knowledge of the country and people and his past and present services, has forwarded his resignation, which the King has accepted. The Captain General returned from the interior yesterday. He will transfer the Government to the hands of the next officer in rank, and will sail for Spain on the 25th inst.

Ex-Captain General Sanz has arrived here from Porto Rico and also returned to Spain.

PORTO RICO.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE—ALMOST ENTIRE DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWN OF ARECIBO.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—There was an earthquake in Porto Rico on the night of Dec. 8 and 9, which created great alarm. The capital, San Juan, was not damaged, but the town of Arecibo was almost entirely destroyed. Two churches and only six houses remain, and they are so badly damaged they may fall at any moment.

THE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLAR RACE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The Pacific Jockey Club met to-day. All the owners of the horses entered for the $30,000, four mile race, were present. By a unanimous agreement the race will come off on the 22d of February next. The club guarantee to give a certified check for $30,000, drawn to the order of the Judges of the race, to be paid to the winner. All the original entries, nine in number, remain in. The best feeling prevailed. The club and the owners of the horses are in perfect harmony.

FORGERIES ON THE STATE OF KANSAS.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—Samuel Lappin, Treasurer of the State of Kansas, was forced to resign his position to-day by order of Governor Osborne. Ten days ago, it was discovered that heavy forgeries had been committed by some one by which the State had been victimized to the amount of about $30,000, and it is claimed that Lappin was the instigator, if not the perpetrator of the forgeries. Lappin's bond is over $1,000,000, so the State is secure against loss. He was elected at the last election by Republicans. There is great excitement among the politicians in Kansas, among whom Lappin had been a leader for many years.

SOUTH CAROLINA JUDGES.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN INTERVIEWED—HE STRONGLY DISAPPROVES OF THE ELECTION OF EX-GOV. MOSES AND MR. WHIPPER AS JUDGES.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Gov. Chamberlain, in an interview with a representative of the *News and Courier*, speaking of the selection of ex-Gov. Moses and Whipper as Circuit Judges, said:

"I look upon the selection as a horrible disaster—a disaster equally great to the State, to the Republican Party, and greatest of all to those communities which shall be doomed to feel the full effects of the presence of Moses and Whipper upon the bench. I did a year ago speak publicly of Whipper, who was then a candidate for the very position to which he has now been elected. Then I denounced him as incapable and utterly unfit for the office of Judge. Of Moses no honest man can have a different opinion. Neither Moses nor Whipper has any qualities which approach to a qualification for judicial positions. The reputation of Moses is covered deep with charges, which are believed by all who are familiar with the facts, of corruption, bribery, and the utter prostitution of all his official powers to the worst possible purposes. This calamity is infinitely greater, in my judgment, than any which has yet fallen on this State, or, I might add, on any part of the South. Moses as Governor is endurable, as compared with Moses as Judge."

Question—What, in your judgment, will be the effect of the election of these men? Answer—The gravest consequences of all kinds will follow. One immediate effect will obviously be the reorganization of the Democratic Party within the State as the only means left, in the judgment of its members, for opposing a solid and reliable front to this terrible crevasse of misgovernment and public debauchery. I could have wished, as a Republican, to keep off such an issue, but I have a profound belief in the logic of events, and a Providence, too, that shapes events, and I do not allow myself to think that the good and honest men of South Carolina will find it impossible, because they are organized as Democrats, to give their help to whomsoever shall be best able to undo the terrible wrongs of last Thursday. I am free to say that my highest ambition as Governor has been to make the ascendency of the Republican Party in South Carolina compatible with the attainment and maintenance of as high and pure a tone in the administration of public affairs as can be exhibited in the proudest Democratic State of the South; and it was also my fondest hope, by peaceful agencies here in South Carolina, of all the Southern States, to have worked out through the Republican Party the solution of the most difficult and one of the most interesting political and social problems which this century has presented. If these results shall not be reached, the responsibility for the failure will not rest upon the Conservative citizens of South Carolina, who have hitherto, with unvarying fidelity and generosity, stood by me in my work, but upon those and all like them who dealt the cause of good Government so deadly a blow on Thursday.

The Governor went on to say that there were grave doubts on constitutional grounds of the validity of the judicial election as to four out of the eight circuits, Whipper and Moses being among the doubtful cases. The action of the Legislature continues to be the subject of great popular excitement all over the State.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

THE GAZETTE BLOCK IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK., BURNED—LOSS NEARLY $60,000—OTHER FIRES.

The *Gazette* block in Little Rock, Ark., was destroyed by fire at about 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The building was a three-story brick, 50 feet front by 100 feet deep. The fire originated in the rear part of the cigar and liquor store of Fred Haas, adjoining the *Gazette* office. Mr. Haas, on entering the store before daylight, struck a match with the intention of lighting the gas, when the match broke in two, and the lighted part fell on the floor, igniting a lot of spirits which had run out of a barrel during the night, and from that the flames spread until the whole building was on fire. The loss of Haas is estimated at $11,000; insurance, $4,300 on stock and $1,200 on fixtures, in the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company. The loss of E. Woodruff, proprietor of the *Gazette*, is estimated at $42,000; insurance $18,000, as follows: Queen's Insurance Company, $2,500; $3,000 in the Underwriters' and the North British each, and $10,000 in home agencies of companies not stated. One-half of the insurance on the building was in the Phenix Company. Every file and case, bindery, and stock were destroyed, but most of the presses and machinery were saved. Col. J. M. Harrell lost his law library, valued at $2,500; no insurance. J. H. Blochert lost room furniture and clothing, valued at $150; no insurance. Robert Ringland lost furniture valued at $500; no insurance. Major J. D. and Capt. S. B. Adams, who had rooms in the same building, lost $600 worth of furniture; no insurance. Trezevant & Boyle, insurance agents, lose $200; no insurance. Capt. H. C. West loses $500 worth of furniture; no insurance. The Ashley Block, adjoining the *Gazette* building, was badly scorched, but not seriously injured. The Western Union Telegraph office is in this building, and moved out, though no great damage resulted. The *Gazette* will appear to-morrow morning from the office of the defunct *Republican*. During the time of the fire heavy rain fell, and also at intervals throughout the day.

OTHER FIRES.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the Rice Grammar-school, corner of Dartmouth and Appleton streets, Boston, was accidentally set on fire by the janitor while he was endeavoring to thaw a steam-pipe with a red-hot poker. The flames ran up the ventilators and destroyed the upper story and a part of the second. The loss is $25,000; no insurance.

The ship Helen Morris, recently burned on her passage from Shields to San Francisco, was insured in Boston for $57,500; in the China, Manufacturers', New-England, and Boston Companies, $10,000 each; Mercantile, Neptune, and Boylston, $5,000 each, and Salem Marine $2,500.

The Phillips' School, at the Boston Highlands, took fire from a register during school hours yesterday. The scholars were removed without a panic, and the fire was extinguished with small loss.

The Court-house at Camden, Ark., one of the finest in the State, was burned early yesterday morning. The books, records, and all the papers pertaining to the Clerk's office were destroyed.

The residence of D. C. Halsted, Director of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, at Bayonne, N. J., was damaged by fire Sunday to the extent of $200.

LOCAL FIRES.

Early yesterday morning a fire occurred in the building No. 128 Maiden lane, the first floor of which is occupied by Kerr & Doubleday, dealers in oils; damage, $1,000. The second floor is occupied by Horace White & Co., dealers in naval stores; loss, $200. The rear portion of the second floor is occupied by R. T. Bush, dealer in wire rope; loss, $100. The third, fourth, and fifth floors are occupied by Green & Hogan, cotton-dealers; loss, $500. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Yesterday evening a fire was discovered on the second floor of the three-story brown-stone dwelling No. 36 East Thirty-first street, occupied by Dr. J. T. Evans. The building and furniture were damaged $2,000; insured for $20,000 in the Continental Company. James Flood, of No. 212 Avenue A, a member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 3, while at work on the fire fell from a ladder and received a severe scalp wound.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the bakery of Richard Wreking, in the basement house No. 348 West Thirty-seventh street, caused by a pan of grease boiling over. Damage, $25.

The water-back of the range at the residence of Mr. R. Simon, No. 2 Mitchell place, exploded yesterday morning, setting fire to the floor, and causing $100 damage.

DEATH OF THE STALLION RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 20.—The famous trotting stallion Rhode Island, formerly of the Sprague farm, but purchased Friday by Lieut. Gov. Sisson and taken to Seaconet, died yesterday of inflammation of the bowels. It is reported that the price paid by Sisson was $6,000.

THE COLORADO CONVENTION.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—The convention to frame a constitution for the State of Colorado assembled here to-day, and temporarily organized. A permanent organization will be effected to-morrow. The Republicans have a large majority, but will give a share of the offices to the minority.

THE MISSOURI EXPRESS ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—It has been pretty definitely ascertained that the amount of money obtained by the express robbers Saturday morning was $8,000. Had the robbery been committed before the train reached Mexico, Mo., the amount would have been much larger, as it would have included all the Western remittances to Chicago. No arrests have yet been made, and the detectives decline to say whether they have any clue which will lead to the capture of the robbers.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—1 A. M.—The area of highest barometer has moved southward to Cape Hatteras, and the pressure has fallen over the lake region, the North-west and South-west. Warmer, clear weather and easterly winds prevail in the Southern States; south-east winds, threatening and rainy weather in the Western Gulf States, south-west winds, cloudy weather, and occasional rain or snow over the lakes and Northern New-England. The rivers have generally fallen.

PROBABILITIES.

For Tuesday, in the South Atlantic States, stationary barometer, easterly winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather.

For the Gulf States, rising, followed by falling barometer, south-east winds veer to south-west, warmer weather, cloud and rain, followed by a "norther," in the Western Gulf.

For Tennessee, Ohio Valley, and lake region, stationary or falling barometer, southerly winds, cloud and rain or snow, followed in the western portions by rising barometer and cooler north-west winds.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, rising barometer, north and west winds, cooler, cloudy, and clearing weather.

For New-York and New-England, falling barometer, increasing warmer south-west winds, cloud and rain or snow.

For the Middle Atlantic States, falling barometer, increasing southerly winds, warmer, hazy, and cloudy weather.

For the canal regions of New-Jersey and Virginia the temperature rise above freezing.

The rivers continue very generally falling.

Cautionary signals continue at Milwaukee and Grand Haven.

EXTREME LOW TEMPERATURE REPORTED FROM ALL POINTS—THE HUDSON CLOSED.

NEWBURG, Dec. 20.—The extreme cold weather for the past forty-eight hours has closed the Hudson River as far south as Peekskill. The last trip of the season between there and New-York was made by the propeller Hasbrouck with the barge Charles Spear, of Homer Ramsdell & Co.'s daily line. They left here at 5 o'clock last night and reached New-York at 4 o'clock this morning, having encountered heavy ice in the Highlands. The ferry-boat Fanny Garner, of Newburg, has stopped running. The ferry-boat Union, of the Newburg and Fishkill line, is still running, having made extra trips last night to keep the track open. The mercury registered 4° below zero here last night.

GLEN'S FALLS, Dec. 20.—The mercury registered here at 4 o'clock this morning 31° below zero. There is no wind, but it is cloudy. On Sunday there was a very strong north-west wind, with bright, clear weather.

PORT JERVIS, Dec. 20.—The weather in this section for the past few days has been intensely cold. The thermometer at Monticello this morning indicated 6° below zero, and in this village 4° below. The weather has moderated very much since morning.

MILFORD, Dec. 20.—Last night was the coldest of the season. At 4 o'clock this morning the thermometer indicated 7° below zero.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Reports of intense cold come in from all parts of New-England, the mercury ranging from 10° to 41° below zero. On Mount Washington it was but 10° below, and at Littleton, N. H., 41°.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Another cold snap is prevailing throughout Canada. At Ottawa this morning the thermometer indicated 33° below zero; at Quebec, 29°; Montreal, 20°, and Perry Sound, 28° below.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

P. W. Hamblin, supposed to have been concerned in the Corinth (Miss.) Bank robbery last year, was arrested at Forest City, Ark., yesterday.

The colored people of Cincinnati held a meeting last night and passed resolutions of respect for the memory of the late Vice President Wilson.

The descendants of Rebecca Nourse, who was hanged in Salem, Mass., in 1692, as a witch, have formed an association to erect a monument to her memory.

John Stokes, a wood-chopper, was found burned to death in his camp at Falmouth, Me., yesterday morning. It is supposed that he slept too near the fire and his clothes ignited while asleep.

At a meeting of the Boston Commercial Exchange yesterday a motion appropriating $10,000 in aid of the Poughkeepsie bridge and the direct western route project was voted down by a large majority.

The Canadian Premier has notified the Montreal deputation that all the work on the Lachine Canal possible to be done in Winter would be contracted for at once, and thus provide work for 1,000 men.

A locomotive engine in attempting to run onto the turn-table of the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, at Nashua, N. H., yesterday, was thrown in to the pit, and the engineer, Samuel Egar, was killed.

Mary Morrison, of Fall River, Mass., an elderly woman, arrested on Friday night for insanity, committed suicide in the station-house Sunday night by hanging herself from a ventilator with a rope made of her dress.

Thomas Gillen, who had been arrested four or five times on suspicion of incendiarism, has been convicted of setting fire to a school-house in Oswego, N. Y., and sentenced to six years imprisonment in the Auburn State Prison.

The house of Richard Melcher, at Brunswick, Me., was entered by burglars Sunday night and $650 and two gold watches taken. Mr. Melcher had a desperate struggle with the thieves, but they succeeded in making their escape.

Both branches of the Lowell City Council last night authorized a settlement of the suit for damages brought against the city by the manufacturing corporations for taking water from the Merrimack River, on the basis of $50,000.

The west span of the new iron bridge over French Creek, in Meadville, Penn., gave way yesterday with twelve workmen on it, precipitating all into the creek below. James Pease was instantly killed and the others more or less injured.

The Boston police yesterday arrested James H. Thayer, alias James H. Coombs, accused of enticing a girl fourteen years old from her home in Lewiston, Maine, and marrying her. He has a wife in Maine, and will be taken there for trial.

The religious revival in Port Jervis, N. Y., was closed Sunday evening. The number of conversions number over seven hundred in the Methodist church, and the converts in the other churches will raise the number to nearly eight hundred.

In the Quebec Legislative Assembly the Government Railroad bill, the amendment to the License act increasing the cost of licenses, and the bill to prevent all conflict between religious and civil authorities in regard to Roman Catholic cemeteries, passed their final stages yesterday.

The rolling mill at Lebanon, Penn., of which John W. Bowman is the Manager, employing 100 men, resumed work yesterday. The mill was idle last week by reason of the men refusing to work on account of non-payment of wages. Several of the hands were discharged from further employment.

A dead lock occurred at St. James Church, in London, Ontario, Sunday, by the non-Unionists putting new locks on the church doors in order to prevent the preaching, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Cameron, being absent. The Unionists, headed by Rev. Mr. Gordon, finding the church locked, entered the manse adjoining, taking the Pastor's family by storm, and proceeded to hold service as usual. The excitement regarding the squabble is increasing.

NEW-ORLEANS FINANCES.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Judge Woods to-day decided the case of Rosalie Maenhaul and others versus The City of New-Orleans and others in favor of the complainants, granting a preliminary injunction restraining the city authorities from paying out the funds collected for the payment of the interest on the consolidated bonds for other purposes. The outstanding consolidated bonds amount to $4,142,000, and enough money is on hand, if not diverted, to pay the interest.

TEE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO INJUNCTION.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 20.—The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad injunction case was called in the Circuit Court to-day before Chief Justice Waite and Circuit Judge Bond. Mr. Evarts opened the argument, and was followed by Mr. McFarland, of New-York, in favor of the motion to dismiss. On the adverse proposition Mr. Smoot, of Alexandria, commenced, but did not conclude his argument. The court adjourned till Wednesday.

CHARGES AGAINST A MAYOR.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the General Council to-night, Councilman Zent presented a series of charges against Mayor Loague, made by Andrew Davis, late the Mayor's clerk, charging him with stealing bonds and being privy to the stealings of others. The matter was referred to a Special Committee. Mayor Loague treats the charges with the utmost indifference.

AUDITOR THAYER'S CASE.

WHY HE BOUGHT CERTIFICATES.

THE AUDITOR EXAMINED AT LENGTH—HE CONSTRUES THE LAW TO JUSTIFY HIS PURCHASES—HIS PERSONAL STATEMENT—WHAT GOV. TILDEN HAD TO DO WITH BUYING THE CERTIFICATES.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—The Canal Fraud Investigating Commission met this morning to continue the examination of Auditor Thayer.

Mr. G. W. Miller, counsel for Thayer, said his client had prepared a statement of facts as to each transaction under investigation. If agreeable he would present the statement, and then, if desirable, submit to an examination.

Mr. Bigelow—Of course we have to conduct this investigation in our own way. We know best what we want. The paper can be presented, but we cannot allow it to encumber our record.

It was finally agreed that Mr. Thayer should have a chance after the examination was closed to make his statement.

The examination was then proceeded with by Mr. Magone, and Mr. Thayer was questioned in regard to certain official favors alleged to have been shown by him to a friend, S. C. McDermott.

Chapter 270 of the Laws of 1875 was shown Mr. Thayer, and he read the items therein. He was asked what payments he made under it; whether for any vertical wall built since the 12th of May last. A.—I do not know of any.

Q.—Did you pay for or on account of any work constructed under or pursuant to that law? A.—I presume there has been some paid for.

Mr. Magone—We claim that all money paid on account of that work was unlawfully paid, and that you took money appropriations by that law to pay certificates in which you were interested. How is that? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you not use money to pay for work done prior to May 12 on certificates in which you were interested? A.—I cannot tell unless I can see the warrants. The warrants were shown him and he gave the dates and amounts, but could not tell when the work was done without the engineer's certificate. He supposed that it was for the April estimates.

Mr. Magone—That is what we claim, that it was for work done prior to May 12. A.—Yes, but it was claimed that the act provided for work and walls built last Winter.

Mr. Magone—But there was no such authority in the act. He read the law to show that the provision was for work which might be done and not for the payment of outstanding claims. A.—I construed the law to apply to work already done.

At this point the Auditor was requested to step aside, and Canal Appraiser T. O. Davis was called. He said the claim of McDermott was filed on Feb. 18, 1875, that was the first he heard of it. Evidence in the case was taken before him alone; the other appraisers were absent from sickness. He heard the case, as there was great necessity to do so. It was said some one was about to die, or something of that sort.

Mr. Thayer resumed the stand, and the Engineer's certificates were produced. The warrant was to pay Flagler & Riley $14,650, and was for work done prior to the 1st of May, 1875. Another was shown him, and he said he was interested in all the certificates canceled by the warrant.

Mr. Magone—One of these certificates was issued in March. Is there anything in the law of 1870 which justifies the payment of outstanding certificates? A.—There is the law which amends another law, and I regard it as containing the authority.

Mr. Magone—Do you understand Chapter 270 of the Laws of 1875, as authorizing any such thing? A.—Taking it as an amendment, I considered myself warranted in paying it.

Mr. Orr—Did you think this law of 1870 authorized you to pay for work done in violation of law? A.—I considered myself authorized to pay under the law; that is, my construction of the law.

Mr. Orr—Did you have an interest in these certificates? A.—I had an interest in some of them.

Mr. Magone—Which ones? A.—I don't think I had any interest in the $31,000 one.

Mr. Orr—What was the aggregate of the transactions you had with the Troy City Bank? A.—$231,936 36.

Mr. Orr—Have you any record of these transactions? A.—None except upon scraps of paper; I never kept a book account of them.

Mr. Orr—Have you those scraps of paper? A.—I may have; I don't know.

Mr. Orr—Will you look for them? A.—I will; I have no concealment to make.

Several certificates on the part of the Schuyler work were shown him and he said he thought he was authorized to pay them without the passage of the act of 1870.

Q.—How much money did you pay Denison? A.—As near as I can make it, $50,542 06, less nearly one month's interest that I paid May 19; I can't tell how much I paid on some; I deducted a month's interest; I charged him nothing for negotiating the loan.

Q.—Didn't you deduct from the face seven per cent., and was not that your pay for negotiating? A.—No, Sir; and to my best recollection all I took was about a month's interest; I bought these for myself, and some eighteen or nineteen days after I paid myself; I paid Denison on the 28th of April, deducting the month's interest, and paid the certificates the 19th of May; I did not audit these bills; I do not audit such bills.

Mr. Magone read the law stating it to be the duty of the Auditor to require certain papers from engineers before paying certificates or drafts.

Mr. Thayer—All I had to do was to see they were in proper form.

Mr. Magone—I ask if you did not have to audit them, when the law requires you to audit? A. Yes, Sir.

Mr. Magone—And yet, being Auditor of the State, you purchased certificates which you were to audit? A. Yes, Sir.

Mr. Magone—Did you not say before the Commissioner of the Canal Fund that you had no interest in Canal certificates to the extent of one cent? A. No, Sir.

Mr. Magone—I so understood you. How are you unable to say how much you made on the Denison certificates? A.—I received only one month's interest.

Mr. Magone—On whose account did you purchase certificates for G. A. Stone for $33,000? A.—That was on account of the Troy City Bank; it was May 1; they were purchased of different parties—Flagler and Riley and N. L. Osborn; not all bought on the same days; Osborn's was on May 20, at seven per cent. interest and for five or ten days; don't know how much it amounted to.

Q.—Didn't you know that the agreement to pay Flagler and Riley and Brown was made by your brother to pay a debt of his? A.—No, Sir; do not remember the arrangement I made with the bank in negotiating for the money to pay these certificates.

Mr. Magone—I find that you were put in possession of $300,000 by the Controller to apply to this work before you made these purchases. A.—You must bear in mind that borrowed money must be taken care of first.

Mr. Magone—That we know nothing of; we did not know of your borrowing money for this work. Did you so borrow for this work? A.—Don't know as as we had borrowed any for that work; I know I spoke to Mr. Savage about these certificates, and he told me we could not pay them; that we must take care of our debts first; I told this to Mr. Skinner and said we would have to depend upon the accommodation of the bank for a few days.

The books were then produced and examined as to whether any money had been borrowed which should be paid.

Mr. Magone—Now, is there any reason why you could not pay these certificates without the negotiations you made? A—We had to pay what we owed.

Mr. Magone—But you have sworn that you did not know of borrowing any; can you give any good reason why you deduct to pay Osborn, instead of buying his certificates? A—All I can say is that the borrowed money had to be paid; I cannot say positively whether any was borrowed; the books of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund will show that.

The books were sent for, and John B. Pierson took the stand and was sworn.

Q.—In what capacity do you hold the McKie certificates?

Witness explained that they were handed to him, and he kept them as an individual for Mr. Thayer; did not know McKie's personal responsibilities; Mr. Thayer had deposited a check, and McKie drew upon it. He was then examined as to the McDermott claim, and explained the connection he had with the matter; a deed had been made to him of McDermott's property. He then exerted himself to secure an award to McDermott for taking water away from the mill. While thus exerting himself he had told no State officer that he [witness] held a deed of the property, except Auditor Thayer; McDermott was an indorser of Mr. Thayer. He further explained that his [Pierson's] connection was a purely friendly one; he was not certain whether he had a deed of the property; had a mortgage on McDermott's property for $7,500; he has been partner in the mill for fourteen years with McDermott, and took this mortgage for his quarter interest.

Mr. Thayer resumed the stand, and the book of the records of the Canal Commissioners was produced and examined.

Q.—When did you pay this $135,000 spoken of here? A.—I can't say; the books will show.

Q.—Suppose you paid the $135,000, how much would be left of the $300,000 received from the Comptroller? A.—$165,000, of course.

Q.—Then you had that amount applicable to these certificates? A.—But the practice has been to pay all borrowed money first.

Q.—Do you say you had authority to take money out of one fund to pay another? A.—Well, I want to say—

Mr. Orr—Please answer this; you had $300,000; now tell us what you did with all this money before you paid the certificates. A.—I cannot tell that without seeing the books of record of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund.

A recess was then taken until 2:30 P. M. in order to get the books.

The commission reassembled at 2:45 and Mr. Thayer resumed the stand.

Q.—We want to know whether you had paid out all this $135,000 before you paid these certificates? A.—No, Sir; I had money when these certificates were presented.

Q.—Have you any record of having refunded to J. and V. Brown $2,191 received from them on the 24th of July? A.—I suppose I have the check and will look for it; on the same day I collected for them $4,114; both these went into my individual account in the Troy City Bank; I see that I am credited with these amounts; I can account for the ownership of these checks on the 24th day of July; cannot now, as I have not the papers.

Q.—Why did you not pay this certificate [producing it] for the expense of a bridge for $2,686? A.—Because there was objection and complaint being made.

Q.—Here is another; how did you own these certificates at the time they were audited? A.—I purchased them, but I cannot tell at what date I audited them; I owned before I audited them.

Q.—Can you tell now at what time you paid back the money to Brown—$4,114? A.—It was on the 24th of July, also on the same day I paid the $2,191.

Witness was examined at some length as to dates and amounts of certificates purchased by him for himself and the Troy City Bank. He was then examined as to the passage of various laws.

Q.—After the passage of chapter 270 of the Laws of 1875, did you apply to the Governor and urge him to sign it? A.—I did.

Q.—How many certificates did you own at that time? A.—The bank on that day held $25,119.

Q.—How many of the Denison certificates did you hold? A.—The law did not affect them.

Q.—I don't know as to that. How many did you hold? A.—I held $50,000, but they did not come under this law.

Q.—Any others in addition? A.—That was all.

Q.—When did you dispose of the Buck and Wells certificates? A.—I never owned them.

Q.—What did you do with the lease certificate? A.—That was McKie's.

Q.—What rate did he pay? A.—I don't know; it was for $10,720 60.

Q.—Have you any means of telling? A.—No; unless McKie has it.

Q.—No, he cannot. Mr. Case says you told him Mr. McKie took eight per cent. A.—No, Sir; Mr. McKie's profit was about $80; Mr. French's was $1,189 80; I can't tell what I paid him; I paid Mr. Case a draft on New-York; I think I furnished Mr. McKie with a statement of these in the year 1875.

Q.—Mr. McKie swears he furnished all these statements. Have you any means of showing that you lent any money on account of this certificate? A.—Yes, Sir; I sent him an account and a statement; I sent him a check for $192, and then there was $50 or $60 to be added to make up the profit on the two transactions; there was a profit of some $200; I did not tell Mr. Wells I was buying his certificate for Mr. McKie: I mentioned the fact to Mr. McKie; about that time Mr. Barkley, Canal Commissioner, inquired of me how much of that fund was left, and I told him there was about $20,000; Barkley said he would go and see some of his friends who had certificates, and I gave orders to reserve that balance for Barkley's friends; then Wells came, and I told him there was nothing to pay him with; I saw Barkley afterward, and he said he had not yet seen the parties whom he had said held the certificates; Wells was named in a special law; technically, I had no right to hold off Wells, but I did it to accommodate a friend; Barkley asked me to reserve the balance, and I did so; I bought Wells' certificate in December, at $187 47 off the face as interest; I paid the Wells certificate the 9th of February; I purchased the French and Case certificates March 11; there was money but it was reserved; Wells was robbed of a large amount of money twenty years ago; don't know of his ever owning any property; since that alleged robbery I have purchased canal certificates from him to the amount of $60,000; I had $8,000 of McKie's money in my hands to use as I thought best in the case of the Willard Johnson certificates; I borrowed the money from the Troy City Bank; I went to the bank with McKie, he gave his note and I guaranteed it; I bought the certificates and passed them over to Mr. Pierson, President of the bank to hold them for me.

Q.—Mr. Magone—Don't you remember that we gave you notice before the purchase of those certificates that they were fraudulent? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Magone—I know and all the members of the commission know it, for we gave you a written notice. A.—I would not have advised their purchase if I had been informed they were fraudulent; I was assured that they were not fraudulent in an affidavit made by Delos De Wolf; that affidavit I drew up; it was a part of the bargain that I was to have that affidavit; I paid for the Willard Johnson certificates eight per cent. off the faces and accrued interest; that amounted to $3,976 60, in addition to the accrued interest, which amounted to about $1,000; the gross discount was about ten per cent.; I secured from the bank about five thousand dollars more than the certificates which I gave as security amounted to.

The committee adjourned till 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

MR. THAYER'S STATEMENT.

The *Evening Journal* says the following is an abstract of the statement which Auditor Thayer proposed to read to the Investigating Commission to-day, in answer to the charge that he had made advances upon or purchased for himself or for others canal certificates to the amount of $260,000.

First—Of the whole sum of $260,000 the Auditor made advances upon or purchased certificates to the amount of $162,640 09 by the advice of Gov. Tilden. The contractors threatened to throw up their contracts unless the money was advanced. It was shortly before the time for the opening of the canals. The abandonment of the work would have delayed the resumption of navigation for weeks. The Governor, therefore, advised the payment of the certificates, and the Auditor advanced the money, receiving simple interest.

Second—Of the remaining certificates the bulk were those of Willard Johnson, which the Auditor negotiated for E. J. McKie. Gov. Tilden allowed a bill to become a law which provided for their payment, but the funds were not in the Treasury and would not be for a year to come. Mr. Johnson, therefore, sought to raise the money by negotiating the certificates, such certificates having always been negotiable like other commercial paper, and for this purpose he furnished an affidavit from Delos De Wolf that the Governor declared to him that they were valid claims against the State. With this assurance from the Governor the Auditor purchased the certificates from McKie at eight per cent. discount.

Third—Similar certificates held by Buck, Case & French were purchased for McKie, and the whole profit which McKie will realize on them, if they are fully paid, will be $688 79. In the case of these certificates, as in the case of the others, the money was not in the Treasury to pay them. The parties desired to raise the money at once, and the only way they could raise the money on them was to negotiate the certificates as they would other commercial paper, and the Auditor acted upon their request.

Fourth—In the case of the Wells certificate, the only one where it is alleged that the money was in the Treasury at the time of the presentation, the Auditor states that there was a fund of $20,000 on hand, but that the Canal Commissioner had previously applied to have it reserved, and it had been thus pledged.

Fifth—The only case in which any payment was sought in violation of law was that of Horatio Seymour, Jr. He wanted $15,000 on the work at Utica, which was necessary, but which had been done without authority of law. There was no lawful way of paying him out of the Treasury. The Auditor, therefore, at the request of Gov. Tilden, advanced the money out of his own pocket, at seven per cent. interest, the Governor agreeing to protect him, and then vetoing the bill which provided for his reimbursement.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

A MATCH BETWEEN PAINE AND JOHNSON—THE FORMER WINS.

The match at pigeon shooting between Ira Paine and Miles Johnson, which took place yesterday at Dexter Park, on the Jamaica road, Long Island, resulted in favor of the former. The conditions of the match were to shoot at seventy-five single rises, each to furnish half the birds, for $250 a side, English rules, except that the distance was twenty-one and one-half yards. Paine shot with a muzzle and Johnson with a breech loading gun, with a charge of one ounce and a quarter of shot. The birds were a mixed lot of good and bad ones, for the most part the latter. Occasionally a lively bird was trapped, and if it happened to be a driver the chances were in favor of its escape. The weather was bitter cold, and doubtless some of the pigeons were too completely chilled to fly rapidly. The match was at no time exciting and but seldom interesting. There was but little betting on the result. Mr. J. W. Birdseye was selected as referee, and at 2 o'clock the slaughter commenced. Paine was the first to score, and though he gathered his bird it was clumsily killed. The first incident worth mentioning occurred in Paine's twenty-fifth round. He missed the bird with his first barrel, and the second charge failed to explode. He was permitted to reload, one barrel with and the other without shot. The empty barrel was to terrify the bird, and the other to kill it. This was to place him as nearly as possible in the precise position he occupied at the time the percussion cap failed him. This arrangement was in accordance with the rules governing the match. Up to the thirteenth round Johnson was ahead, but he missed his bird, and then they were on even terms. Then he missed his thirty-third bird, and this placed him in the rear, where he remained until the termination of the match. Before fifty birds were killed Paine was five birds ahead, an advantage retained to the finish. When Paine had killed his seventieth bird Johnson was so far behind that he could not possibly win, and he once withdrew. Following is the score:

Paine—1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, [illegible] Killed 56, missed 16.

Johnson—0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, [illegible] Killed 50, missed 20.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—James Albright, a watchman, was this morning found frozen to death on Race street wharf, at the western side of the Schuylkill River. He was employed in watching the new abattoir. The deceased resided in German street, above Third street.

BANKING MISFORTUNES.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.'S AFFAIRS.

THE FIRM ADJUDICATED INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTS IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER S. CARTER.

Upon the petition of 205 of their creditors, representing $2,168,142 49 of indebtedness, William Butler Duncan, William Watts Sherman, and Francis H. Grain, composing the firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., before Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, Chambers, were late last Saturday afternoon adjudicated involuntary bankrupts. The petition was presented by D. B. Eaton, of counsel for the creditors, upon the affidavit of Walter S. Carter, of Brooklyn, also of the counsel for the creditors. The affidavit was as follows:

"Walter S. Carter, of the City of Brooklyn and State of New-York, being duly sworn, says that he is one of the attorneys for the petitioning creditors herein; that he has examined the statement of debts of the alleged bankrupts, Duncan, Sherman & Co., and that the total number of creditors of said alleged bankrupts, whose claims exceed $250, does not exceed 786, and that the aggregate of all the debts of said alleged bankrupts provable under the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 61, "Bankruptcy," and the several amendments and supplements thereto, does not exceed $5,400,000; that the number of creditors whose debts exceed the amount of $250, uniting in the petition herein is 205, the aggregate of whose debts, provable under the said Revised Statutes and said several amendments and supplements thereto, amounts to $2,168,142 49."

In accordance with the petition Judge Blatchford issued the order adjudicating the firm bankrupt. The warrant in bankruptcy will be issued in a few days, and United States Marshal Fiske will then take charge of the property of the firm until the selection of an Assignee. The matter has been referred to Register Ketchum, who has not, however, yet appointed a day for the meeting of the creditors. Following is a list of the creditors named in the petition, with the amount of their several claims:

Naylor & Co.	$645 73
Ware, Murphy & Co.	23,388 28
James F. Wenman & Co.	7,961 00
E. M. Archibald	1,063 33
National Steamship Company	9,422 16
Walter Hodges	2,308 30
Andrew Low	347,169 79
W. H. Newman, Jr.	1,283 24
D. Watts & Co.	7,300 00
Eaton & Tailer	484 14
Edward Beck & Co.	551 32
John Graham	444 83
R. W. Cameron & Co.	19,036 99
Andrew Low	147,912 90
Samuel B. Smith	396 39
George C. Allen	861 45
H. D. Forsyth	878 99
Emott, Burnett & Hammond	1,212 63
W. A. McKeiver	3,167 31
Jerome Park Villa Company	1,306 03
Walsh, Thomson & Co.	1,152 76
National Park Bank	10,000 00
D. J. Ely & Co.	10,000 00
Louis Zerega	831 24
Root, Anthony & Co.	1,134 38
French & Travers	5,098 39
Woldt & Quack	1,243 75
National Exchange Bank	30,000 00
S. Henry	1,550 62
David A. Wells	1,668 88
Chas. C. Emott	1,224 90
A. Hegewisch	897 30
Walter & Krohn	642 62
S. B. Eaton	641 55
R. Russner	630 46
F. H. Wills	1,680 75
J. A. Horsey	13,429 22
J. B. Small	267 72
W. H. Schott	269 22
C. H. Schott	1,158 82
John Lacy	1,047 62
O. E. Sibley	255 01
A. Wood	1,248 39
Geo. McKenzie	727 74
C. H. Taylor	500 45
Jas. T. Ruggles	1,116 65
C. Illus	440 74
John Wheeler	543 55
F. Payson	4,077 78
J. J. Phelan	479 83
Silas Williams	472 65
W. T. Van Zandt	586 96
L. E. O'Connor	299 17
Schweizer & Gruwe	1,098 95
American Bank Note Co.	558 15
John Matthews	752 83
Chas. J. Eames	740 69
Allen M. Owen	347 05
W. H. Taylor	944 05
M. M. Williams	329 13
Sarah Gibson	10,544 78
M. S. Wayland	310 99
A. Van Buren	10,195 48
S. Van Buren	632 24
E. T. McGuire	805 93
James H. Fay	1,229 62
Fay & Slater, Executors	472 02
M. R. Dennis	292 80
J. J. Staples	288 25
Jose Sevilla	300 00
J. Pyne Marsh, (Estate of)	408 96
Mary S. March	579 50
James Leslie	4,499 87
Stanley Patterson	1,024 45
J. B. Kitching	279 65
Hilario Cisneros	6,413 37
John Hickling	370 43
A. C. Dickens	385 86
Thos. E. Davis	3,272 12
Albert Stickney	342 40
Clark & Mollmann	254 10
Pacific National Bank	10,000 00
Edward Foster	2,332 17
Theodore Moss	4,395 97
A. Rumsey & Co.	1,211 21
R. T. Chase & Co.	2,110 07
H. J. Montague	1,344 40
Daniel Mapes	19,484 31
Bernard De Witt	493 74
W. C. Annan, agent	1,843 15
Wm. Speiden	490 95
Cath. Ritchie	976 01
Hollis & Eacon	13,022 51
Isabella S. Clark	2,945 50
Horace O. Moss	3,647 53
R. I. Manufacturing Co., Wm. B. Duncan, Treasurer	1,850 49
Lansing & Smith, Trustees	1,604 55
Milwaukee National Bank	25,117 90
E. S. Mason & Co.	1,514 06
Samuel E. Lyon	2,186 26
W. Farris & Co.	1,122 42
Congdon & Aylsworth	360 00
Cora A. Slocomb	385 37
August Urquhart	428 88
John H. Farwell	708 80
James Francis Meadows	1,359 58
Hunter, Rose & Co.	316 33
Campbell & Cassels	4,209 72
Edward Foster	2,332 17
S. R. Wynkoop	1,824 56
John G. Casgriff	652 30
James Barker, (gold)	614 05
E. Clymer	2,301 96
E. S. Pakenham	1,588 68
Charles Rhel	5,823 57
Wallace Stuart	518 28
Chas. H. Scott, Treasurer	506 39
Richard A. Hancock	19,660 00
National Park Bank, N. Y.	5,000 00
National Steamship Company	9,422 00
The Children's Fold	1,283 24
Nat. Albany Exchange Bank	30,000 00
Miners' Bank, of Fredonia	2,914 00
Bank of Mobile	318 39
Merchants' B'k. of Canada	17,161 90
Canadian Bank of Commerce	18,308 40
Trenor W. Park	6,044 36
Surprise Valley Mill & W'r Co.	5,486 26
Central Colorado Imp't Co.	2,557 28
Baring Bros.	518,460 45
Alexander Duncan, for money advanced for redeeming circular notes	233,312 00
First Nat. Gold Bank of San Francisco	74,051 60
Sinclair Tousey	306 00

In the above there are several repetitions in the names of the claimants, but as all were taken from the petition filed, the reference must be to different accounts.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK.

THE RECEIVER'S STATEMENT—DISHONESTY IN THE BANK SUSPECTED—CAUSES OF THE FAILURE.

A committee of the depositors of the People's Bank met Mr. William E. Warren, the accountant of the Receiver, Mr. Isaac V. French, in the bank counting-room yesterday afternoon, and were presented statements from both the Receiver and his accountant as to the financial condition of the bank. The Receiver's statement gives the assets as follows:

Bonds and mortgages	$70,000
Assignment of leasehold property	20,000
North Carolina bonds	1,000
Cash	250
Trustees' bonds	53,000
Total	$144,250

These are the assets as they appear on the bank-books, and are not warranted to realize their face total. Against these assets is the claim of depositors to the amount of about one hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars. The Receiver says in his statement that the Trustees have been notified that they will be held liable to the full amount of their bonds, and as far as heard from have promised payment. A thorough examination of the bank from its commencement to the present is promised, with a view of determining the responsibility of present troubles. Trustees and other officials are to be held liable for any illegal investments or any neglect or mismanagement. Steps will at once be taken to realize as much and as speedily as possible from loans, bonds and mortgages, and real property. Mr. Warren's statement, accompanying this, is only preliminary. It enters into details more minutely than the Receiver's. The balance sheet of the general ledger Dec. 1, 1875, shows:

Apparent amount due depositors	$174,422 16
Apparent amount of assets at cost	151,160 21
Deficiency	$23,261 95

An unexplained difference between the general ledger and the depositors' ledger of $1,783 39 may perhaps be deducted from this apparent deficiency. The assets are enumerated substantially as the Receiver's statement there being the additional items of fixtures valued at several hundred dollars and the accrued interest on bonds and mortgages amounting to several thousand dollars. This statement like the Receiver's is a cost statement. The real state of affairs as explained by Mr. Olney, the Receiver's attorney, is far worse than this. The lowest estimate that can be made of the deficiency is $75,000, and the items are as now estimated:

North Carolina bonds	$5,400
Bonds and mortgages	25,000
Profit and loss	12,000
Apparent deficiency	23,000
Rent of building and sundry items	1,000
Total	$66,400

The items above given, with others that will probably be discovered, will surely bring the deficiency up to $75,000, and very likely to $100,000.

The item of profit and loss is the most interesting feature of the table, and Mr. Charles T. Rodgers, the President of the bank, was asked to make an explanation. There is every appearance of deliberate stealing, in several instances, of amounts which aggregate about twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Rodgers was unable to give any explanation of this matter last Saturday, and promised to meet Mr. Warren yesterday for the purpose of investigating. But he did not keep his agreement, and the accountant and Receiver are in suspense as to the proper interpretation of the irregularity. The causes of the present troubles, as noted by Mr. Olney, are, the depreciation of North Carolina bonds, the failure of interest on the North Carolina bonds, which interest is represented by coupons held by said bank, and the failure of the bank at all times since its organization to realize, from all sources, sufficient sums by way of earnings, to pay current expenses and the interest allowed depositors.

To these three causes must be added, it is thought, dishonesty. The Receiver counts into the assets the personal bonds of the Trustees given Oct. 1, 1873, and bearing interest from that date, amounting to $53,500. The Trustees have been informed of their liability, and it is quite probable that a number of them will pay their bonds. Only $16,000 is secured by mortgage on real estate, and for the rest reliance must be had on the sense of honor of the gentlemen. The list of Trustees, with the amounts of their bonds, is as follows:

B. F. Manierre	$5,000	James L. Hastie	500
B. F. Manierre	1,000	Edward Gervaise	3,000
James M. Stuart	1,500	Edward Gervaise	1,000
B. Van Buren	1,000	Henry Beeny	2,000
M. B. Wilson	6,000	Henry Beeny	500
Max Zenn	1,000	Cephas Brainerd	5,000
Harvy H. Woods	1,500	L. Lichtenstein	1,000
John W. Salter	5,000	F. Olmstead	5,000
John W. Salter	1,000	J. S. Fountain	3,000
James Ingram	5,000	J. S. Fountain	500
James L. Hastie	3,000		
Total interest-bearing bonds			$51,500

Due on original bond, Henry Burden, $1,500, F. M. Smith, $500	$2,000
Interest for two years and two months, to December 1, 1875, on above, $51,500, at 7 per cent.	$7,311

About one hundred of the depositors of the People's Bank met in Germania Hall, No. 200 Third avenue, in the evening, to hear the report of the committee. Judge John H. White was introduced to the depositors as the counsel retained in their behalf, and he offered some suggestions for conducting the warfare of the depositors against the present Receiver, it being understood that unless Mr. French will consent to employing Judge White as counsel the depositors will go to the court and ask for a new Receiver. At the conclusion of Judge White's remarks a resolution was adopted providing that depositors pay $1 for every $100 of their deposits to secure a fund for the payment of counsel and other legal expenses. The report of the committee to which the statements of Receiver French and his accountant were given was made by Mr. McDowell, Chairman, and received without debate. A roll of the depositors was then made up, and a collection taken in accordance with the resolution. The meeting adjourned to meet at call of the committee.

THE THIRD AVENUE BANK THOROUGHLY BANKRUPT.

Mr. Hurd, the Receiver of the Third Avenue Bank, says that the state of the bank is far worse than has been represented. The bank is thoroughly bankrupt and depositors must be prepared to accept a very small percentage on a dollar. Mr. Hurd says that he finds that for the last three or four years the bank has carried over a deficiency of between sixty and seventy thousand dollars, that amount having been paid in deposit and nowhere credited to the bank. This was the first discovery. The next was that the bank had an unsettled account for taxes and assessments of $20,000, on which the bank is paying interest at the rate of one per cent. monthly. This account must be settled at once, and the only ready cash consists in a lot of almost worthless State bonds. The next announcement is that there has been an overvaluation of $100,000, on the bank's interest in leasehold property on Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets, and, finally, Mr. Hurd says, that the bank building, which the assets rate at $180,000, would not bring over $80,000. These figures added together make nearly $300,000 deficiency, additional to the amount of deficiency generally fixed by depositors. Mr. Hurd was asked if the dividend would be over twenty-five cents to the dollar. He refused to express any opinion. "But would you give twenty-five cents on a dollar for my bank account if I had one?" asked the reporter. Mr Hurd's reply was, "No, Sir, I do not care to run the risk." A preliminary statement is promised for Wednesday.

THE GERMAN UP-TOWN SAVINGS BANK.

Herman Uhl, the recently-appointed Receiver of the German Up-town Savings Bank, filed yesterday in the office of the County Clerk a detailed inventory of the assets and liabilities of the institution. Its main features are appended:

ASSETS.

Cash in other banks	$116,800 91
Miscellaneous cash items charged to cash account and including valuations of $50,000 South Carolina Bonds and $30,000 North Carolina Bonds, in all	5,600 00
Bonds Delivered to Receiver.	
West Farms	$6,600 00
Morrisania	35,500 00
Springport	24,900 00
Yonkers	20,000 00
Westchester County	17,000 00
Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad, guaranteed by the State of Alabama	94,000 00
Call Loans Due to Bank.	
To individuals	$24,982 29
To Manufacturers' and Builders' Bank	35,000 00
Miscellaneous.	
Bonds and mortgages delivered to Receiver	$244,624 90
Bank building and fixtures	195,000 00
Interest account	5,295 57
Total	$825,303 57
Suspended and Pledged Accounts.	
Cash account	$24,454 56
Bonds	186,748 00
Total	$211,202 56

Of the above bonds $38,000 were admitted by Adolph Levinger, the former counsel of the bank, as having been received and appropriated by him to his own use. Suit therefor has been brought by the Receiver.

LIABILITIES.

Due depositors	$836,388 11
Due D. A. Moran and Second National Bank	118,970 00
Due sundries	759 07
Total liabilities	$956,117 18

RECAPITULATION.

Assets	$825,303 57	
Suspended and pledged accounts	211,202 56—	$1,036,506 13
Total liabilities		956,117 18
Nominal excess of assets over liabilities		$80,388 95

TAMMANY'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING PRIMARIES—AN ADDRESS TO THE DEMOCRACY.

The Tammany Hall General Committee assembled last night in a special meeting called to arrange for the holding of the primaries, and to consider the report of the Committee on Organization with reference to a reorganization of the General Committee on a new basis of representation. Abram S. Hewitt presided, and there was a very full attendance of members, all the magnates of the organization being present. The Committee on Organization submitted a long report on reorganization, and named Tuesday, Dec. 28, as the time for holding the primaries in the various districts. On the subject of reorganization the report recommended that the new General Committee be composed of one delegate for every 100 votes polled in each district for Gov. Tilden in 1874, each fraction of 100 votes, over fifty, being also entitled to a delegate, provided also that no Assembly district should have less than one delegate from each election district. This gives a total of 880 members, apportioned as follows:

Assembly District.	Delegates.	Assembly District.	Delegates.
First	43	Fourteenth	31
Second	39	Fifteenth	47
Third	36	Sixteenth	50
Fourth	51	Seventeenth	53
Fifth	37	Eighteenth	44
Sixth	35	Nineteenth	28
Seventh	23	Twentieth	61
Eighth	46	Twenty-first	62
Ninth	33	Twenty-third Ward	18
Tenth	35	Twenty-fourth Ward	10
Eleventh	30		
Twelfth	38		
Thirteenth	30	Total	880

The report also recommended that an Executive Committee of four members from each Assembly District be elected to take the place of the present Committee on Organization. The report as presented was adopted. Some minor business was next disposed of, after which Inspectors of Election were chosen for the primaries and the polling places designated. The next business transacted was the reception and reading of the address prepared by a sub-committee of the Committee on Organization, reviewing the past and outlining the future policy of the organization with a special view to its course in 1876. In this document, which was quite extended, all the credit and labor of reform was arrogated to Tammany Hall and the Democratic Party, both in State and Municipal affairs; a strong bid was made for popular support on promises to further rapid transit, and a parting salute was fired at what it designated the corruptions and frauds of the National Administration. President Grant's views on the sectarian question were denounced, and in conclusion the report drew favorable auguries from the probability of the people of New-York regretting their "mistake" in the late election. Mr. D. R. Lyddy spoke in support of a motion for the adoption of the report, and it was adopted. Mr. Geo. W. McGlynn of the Fifteenth District, next moved a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late F. S. Stallknecht, candidate in the last election for Judge of the Marine Court. The vote being taken in affirmation of the motion, the General Committee adjourned sine die.

ISAAC BLOOM.

Those who find it necessary to consult economy in their Christmas purchases, will do well to make them at Bloom's, No. 338 Bowery. Here they will find a choice selection of fancy goods, with prices attached in plain figures, and these will be found to be so moderate as to come within the means of very limited incomes. From a paper of pins to a handsome silk dress pattern; from a five cent doll, warranted to stand any amount of rough usage, to the finest Parisian dressed dolls imported, the visitor can find anything wanted, and at the widest range of prices. In holiday goods there are the favorite dolls and all that to them belongs; personal outfits and furniture for the doll household complete; ladies' and gentlemen's dressing cases, glove and handkerchief boxes, portemonnaies, cigar cases, bronzes, toilet articles, fans, jewelry, work-boxes, vases, toilet sets, card baskets, perfumes and perfume-stands, fancy soaps, jardinieres, &c. In embroidered and initial handkerchiefs, gloves in all imaginable shades and with any number of buttons, silk handkerchiefs and mufflers, ladies' ties and bows, there is an immense assortment; so too in Paris and Berlin embroideries, slippers, chairs, rugs, foot-stools, lamp-screens, pin-cushions, wall-pockets, slipper cases, and similar articles. Every kind of fancy goods of English, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Swiss, and American manufacture may be found here, and for those who are seeking staple articles there is every variety of lace goods and real laces, underwear, hosiery, satins, silks, velvets, tarletans, white goods, bed-spreads, tidies, ladies' and children's felt and velvet hats, flowers, feathers, sashes, neckwear, ribbons, wrappers, smoking jackets, and endless other things in the same line. The store will be open in the evening until after the holidays.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—Dec. 20.

SENATE.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, presented the credentials of Robert H. Marr, signed by John McEnery as Governor of Louisiana, appointing him United States Senator to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of W. L. McMillan. Laid on the table.

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SENATE.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, said he desired to state before offering a resolution, which he proposed, that in regard to the resolution offered by him last Friday, touching the President of the Senate, there had been some discussion, and upon further conference with Senators, he thought that there should be no question of doubt as to who is the President of the Senate between this date and the day of the meeting of Congress after the holiday recess. He, therefore, offered the following:

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas W. Ferry, a Senator from the State of Michigan, be the President of the Senate until Jan. 7, 1876, and until a fresh appointment shall be made.

The CHAIR, Mr. Anthony, of Rhode Island, announced that the question was upon the passage of the resolution.

Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, said he did not desire to interpose any objection to the resolution, but it seemed to him that it involved questions already before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The resolution assumed that the Senate had not a President, and he merely wished to call the attention of the Senator from Vermont to that fact.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he had drawn this resolution so as not to assume that fact. The resolution did not declare whether or not Mr. Ferry was President. It merely declared he should be. If Mr. Ferry is not the President of the Senate, then he will be until the time named by the passage of this resolution. He [Mr. Edmunds] was sure the Senate would not commit itself by passing the resolution.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, offered a substitute declaring Hon. A. G. Thurman, of Ohio, President of the Senate until Jan. 7, 1876, or until a fresh appointment shall be made, and upon this demanded the yeas and nays. The substitute was rejected—yeas 21, nays 24—a strict party vote. Messrs. Allison, Paddock, Wadleigh, Cragin, and Cameron, of Pennsylvania, who would have voted against the substitute, were paired with Messrs. Merrimon, Ransom, Kelly, Norwood, and Stevenson, who would have voted for it.

The original resolution, submitted by Mr. Edmunds, was then adopted.

Mr. FERRY then took the chair and said: "Senators, I desire to thank you for your further courtesy and confidence."

STEAM-BOAT INSPECTION.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, submitted a resolution that the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting by bill or otherwise some measure to increase the efficiency of the service of steam-boat inspectors. He said if the accounts in the newspapers of the loss of life on the Pacific coast were true, something should be done to improve the service. The resolution was agreed to.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate the unfinished business, being the resolution of Mr. Morton, to authorize the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the circumstances attending the late election in Mississippi. The resolution was laid over till after the holidays.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS COURT.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to amend the act of June 23, 1874, for the creation of the Alabama Court, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The bill proposes the repeal of the twelfth section of that act, so as to allow insurance companies to participate in the distribution of the Geneva award, and extends the time of the court for one year.

CLAIMS OF OFFICERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Mr. DENNIS, of Maryland, introduced a bill for the settlement of the claims of the officers of the Revolutionary War, which provides that officers of the Army of the Revolution who were entitled to half pay for life, under resolutions of Congress of Oct. 3 and 21, 1780, Jan. 7, May 8, and Dec. 31, 1781, and March 8, 1875, shall be entitled to receive the same although such officer may have received, in lieu thereof, by certificates or otherwise, the commutation of full pay for five years, under the resolution of March 2, 1783. The bill also provides that the benefits of the resolution of the 24th of August, 1870, shall be extended to the widows and lineal descendants of all officers embraced therein, who died in the service at any period during the war of the Revolution. It also authorizes the accounting officers of the Treasury to adjudicate all such claims; and provides that the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, issue stock of the United States for such claims, said stock to be redeemed twenty years from date, and bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum. It also pledges the faith of the United States for the payment of the interest and redemption of the principal of the stock which may be issued under the act.

Mr. BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to increase the efficiency of the Navy and to promote the maritime interests of the United States, which proposes a system of bounties on ship-building as follows: The Secretary of the Treasury is to offer a bounty of not more than $8 per ton, to be paid each year for a period of five years, for the construction in the United States of iron steam-ships of not less than 1,000 tons each nor exceeding 500,000 tons in the aggregate, and not more than 100,000 tons to be authorized in any one year; the said ships to be employed exclusively in the foreign trade. Proposals are to be received and preference given the first year for 5,000 tonnage on the Atlantic Coast, 25,000 upon the great lakes and Mississippi River, and 25,000 on the Pacific Coast. The vessels are to be constructed on models approved by the Navy Department, and the Government is to have the right to purchase or employ them upon the appraisement of a disinterested Commissioner. The bill also provides for the payment of bounties on vessels hereafter launched as follows: Six dollars per ton for sailing vessels of 400 tons and upward employed in the foreign trade and between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States, and $4 per ton for sailing vessels of not less than two hundred tons burden, authorized to engage not more than three months per year in the coasting trade, (provided that if vessels of the two last named descriptions are afterward enrolled for the coasting trade, the bounties shall be refunded to the Government, less ten per cent. per year;) a bounty of $4 per ton for the period of five years is provided for vessels employed in the cod or mackerel fishery not less than four months each year. All vessels employed in the foreign trade or the fisheries may purchase supplies in bond without payment of duties. The bill finally provides that vessels hereafter built by the Navy Department for open sea service shall not exceed 1,000 tons each.

THE MESSAGE AND THE PRESS.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Printing, reported back the resolution to print extra copies of the President's Message, and moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed. So ordered. In making the report, Mr. Anthony said it had been customary to print extra copies heretofore, but the Message had already been sent by telegraph, and published all over the country, and he saw no use to print the extra copies now.

The Senate then, at 12:40, on motion of Mr. THURMAN, proceeded to the consideration of executive business. At 1:10 the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1876.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE COMMITTEES.

The SPEAKER announced the standing committees of the House as follows:

Elections.—Mr. Harris, of Virginia, Chairman; Messrs. Thompson of Massachusetts, Blackburn of Kentucky, Beebe of New-York, House of Tennessee, De Bolt of Missouri, Poppleton of Ohio, Hoar of Massachusetts, Wells, of Mississippi, Baker of Indiana, Brown of Kansas.

Ways and Means.—Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, Chairman; Messrs. Wood of New-York, Hancock of Texas, Thomas of Maryland, Hill of Georgia, Chapin of Massachusetts, Tucker of Virginia, Blaine of Maine, Kelley of Pennsylvania, Garfield of Ohio, Burchard of Illinois.

Appropriations.—Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Holman of Indiana, Wells of Missouri, Atkins of Tennessee, Hamilton of New-Jersey, Blount of Georgia, Singleton of Mississippi, Wheeler of New-York, Hale of Maine, Foster of Ohio, Waldron of Michigan.

Banking and Currency.—Mr. Cox of New-York, Chairman; Messrs Payne of Ohio, Goode of Virginia, Gibson of Louisiana, Haymond of Indiana, Burchard of Wisconsin, Wike of Illinois, Townsend of Pennsylvania, Kasson of Iowa, Eames of Rhode Island, Hubbell of Michigan.

Pacific Railroads.—Mr. Lamar of Mississippi, Chairman; Messrs. Atkins of Tennessee, Luttrell of California, Walker of Virginia, Lynde of Wisconsin, Throckmorton of Texas, Thomas of Maryland, Phillips of Missouri, Garfield of Ohio, Kasson of Iowa, Platt of New-York, O'Neill of Pennsylvania, Blair of New-Hampshire.

Judiciary.—Mr. Knott of Kentucky, Chairman; Messrs. Hunton of Virginia, Ashe of North Carolina, Lynde of Wisconsin, Lord of New-York, Hurd of Ohio, Caulfield of Illinois, McCrary of Iowa, Lawrence of Ohio, Frye of Maine, Starkweather of Connecticut.

Public Lands.—Mr. Sayler of Ohio, Chairman; Messrs. Goodwin of Kansas, Fuller of Indiana, McFarland of Tennessee, Walling of Ohio, Gause of Arkansas, Lane of Oregon, Hathorn of New-York, McDill of Iowa, Morey of Louisiana, Crounse of Nebraska.

Foreign Affairs.—Mr. Swann of Maryland, Chairman; Messrs. Faulkner of West Virginia, Banks of Massachusetts, Barnum of Connecticut, Ely of New-York, Hamilton of Indiana, Springer of Illinois, Forney of Alabama, Monroe of Ohio, C. G. Williams of Wisconsin, Packer of Pennsylvania.

Military Affairs.—Mr. Banning of Ohio, Chairman; Messrs. Glover of Missouri, A. S. Williams of Michigan, Terry of Virginia, Cook of Georgia, John Reilly of Pennsylvania, Hardenburg of New-Jersey, MacDougall of New-York, Thornburgh of Tennessee, Hurlbut of Illinois, Strait of Minnesota.

Commerce.—Mr. Hereford of West Virginia, Chairman; Messrs. Ward of New-York, Durand of Michigan, Reagan of Texas, Piper of California, Kehr of Missouri, Pierce of Massachusetts, Felton of Georgia, Hunter of Indiana, Ross of Pennsylvania, Dunnell of Minnesota.

Post Offices and Post Roads.—Mr. Clark of Missouri, Chairman; Messrs. Waddell of North Carolina, Luttrell of California, Ainsworth of Iowa, Walker of New-York, McMahon of Ohio, Slemons of Arkansas, Cannon of Illinois, Miller of New-York, Stowell of Virginia, Wallace of South Carolina.

Claims.—Mr. Bright of Tennessee, Chairman; Messrs. Neal of Ohio, Brown of Kentucky, Robbins of North Carolina, Tarbox of Massachusetts, Cochrane of Pennsylvania, Phillips of Missouri, Pratt of Iowa, Bass, of New-York, Bradley of Michigan, Cason, of Indiana.

War Claims.—Mr. Eden of Illinois, Chairman; Messrs. Milliken of Kentucky, Warren of Massachusetts, Cabell of Virginia, Ellis of Louisiana, New of Indiana, Caldwell of Alabama, Conger of Michigan, Smith of Pennsylvania, Wilson of Iowa, Hoskins of New-York.

Naval Affairs.—Mr. Whitthorne of Tennessee, Chairman; Messrs. Lewis of Alabama, Mills of Texas, Jones of New-Hampshire, Willis of New-York, Williams of Delaware, Robbins of Pennsylvania, Burleigh of Maine, Harris of Massachusetts, Hayes of Alabama, Danford of Ohio.

Revision of Laws.—Mr. Durham of Kentucky, Chairman; Messrs. Southard of Ohio, Bell of New-Hampshire, Metcalf of New-York, Teese of New-Jersey, Douglas of Virginia, Sparks of Illinois, Crapo of Massachusetts, Denison, of Vermont, Oliver of Iowa, Robinson of Indiana.

Education and Labor.—Mr. Walker of Virginia, Chairman; Messrs. Lamar of Mississippi, Faulkner of West Virginia, Cutler of New-Jersey, Stenger of Pennsylvania, Clark of Missouri, Springer of Illinois, Hoar of Massachusetts, Magoon of Wisconsin, White of Kentucky, Nash of Louisiana.

District of Columbia.—Mr. Buckner of Missouri, Chairman; Messrs. Neal of Ohio, Phelps of Connecticut, Cate of Wisconsin, Hartridge of Georgia, Henkle of Maryland, Stevenson of Illinois, McCrary of Iowa, Willard of Michigan, Hendee of Vermont, Phillips of Kansas.

Public Buildings and Grounds.—Mr. Holman of Indiana, Chairman; Messrs. Wells of Missouri, Harrison of Illinois, Cook of Georgia, Hewitt of New-York, Walsh of Maryland, Young of Tennessee, W. B. Williams of Michigan, Woodworth of Ohio, Plaisted of Maine, Kimball of Wisconsin.

Patents.—Mr. Vance of North Carolina, Chairman; Messrs. Bagley, Jr., of New-York, Douglas of Virginia, Landers of Connecticut, Hartzell of Illinois, Clark of Kentucky, Smith of Georgia, Conger of Michigan, Dobbins of New-Jersey, Sampson of Iowa, Hoge of South Carolina.

Invalid Pensions.—Mr. Jenks of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Bagley of Illinois, Wilson of West Virginia, Bliss, of New-York, Hewitt of Alabama, Rice of Ohio, Yeats of North Carolina, Rusk of Wisconsin, Sinnickson of New-Jersey, Purman of Florida; Rainey of South Carolina.

Revolutionary Pensions.—Mr. Hunter of Virginia, Chairman; Messrs. Bland of Missouri, Phelps of Connecticut, Clarke of Kentucky, Hurd of Ohio, Davis, of North Carolina, Schumaker of New-York, Townsend of New-York, Dobbins of New-Jersey, Henderson of Illinois, Williams of New-York.

Indian Affairs.—Mr. Scales of North Carolina, Chairman; Messrs. Wilshire of Arkansas, Boone of Kentucky, Sparks of Illinois, Hooker of Mississippi, Morgan of Missouri, Lane of Oregon, Seelye of Massachusetts, Page of California, Van Vorhes of Ohio, Tufts of Iowa.

Weights and Measures.—Mr. Stephens of Georgia, Chairman; Messrs. O'Brien of Maryland, Potter of Michigan, Sayler of Ohio, Parsons, of Kentucky, Levy of Louisiana, Maish of Pennsylvania, Willard of Michigan, C. G. Williams of Wisconsin, Chittenden of New-York, Seelye of Massachusetts.

Territories.—Mr. Southard of Ohio, Chairman; Messrs. Caldwell of Tennessee, Mutchler of Pennsylvania, Franklin of Missouri, Meade of New-York, Culberson of Texas, Wigginton of California, Fort of Illinois, Mackey of South Carolina, Freeman of Pennsylvania, Bagley of New-York, Patterson of Colorado.

Agriculture.—Mr. Caldwell of Alabama, Chairman; Messrs. Harris of Georgia, Maish of Pennsylvania, Davis of North Carolina, Rea of Missouri, Gooding of Kansas, Anderson of Illinois, Smith of Pennsylvania, Rusk of Wisconsin, Van Vorhes of Ohio, Smalls of South Carolina.

Mines and Mining.—Mr. Bland, of Missouri, Chairman; Messrs. Turney of Pennsylvania, Durham of Kentucky, Potter of Michigan, Odell of New-York, Gibson of Louisiana, Campbell of Illinois, Evans of Indiana, Woodburn of Nevada, Caswell of Wisconsin, Lynch of Mississippi.

Private Land Claims.—Mr. Gunter, of Arkansas, Chairman; Messrs. Buckner of Missouri, Parsons of Kentucky, Powell of Pennsylvania, Candler of Georgia, Levy of Louisiana, Ainsworth of Iowa, Ketchum of Pennsylvania, Joyce of Vermont, Cannon of Illinois, Lapham of New-York.

Public Expenditures.—Mr. Milliken, of Kentucky, Chairman; Messrs. Hatcher of Missouri, Terry of Virginia, Cowan of Ohio, Debrell of Tennessee, James B. Reilly of Pennsylvania, Campbell of Illinois, Whitny of Illinois, Norton of New-York, Wood of Pennsylvania, Haralson of Alabama.

Railways and Canals.—Mr. Jones of Kentucky, Chairman; Messrs. Stone of Missouri, Savage of Ohio, Meade of New-York, Schleicher of Texas, Mackey of Pennsylvania, Landers of Indiana, Davy of New-York, Henderson of Illinois, Frost of Massachusetts, Hoge of South Carolina.

Mississippi Levees.—Mr. Ellis of Louisiana, Chairman; Messrs. Hatcher of Missouri, Wilshire of Arkansas, Money of Mississippi, Roberts of Indiana, Young of Tennessee, Sheakley of Pennsylvania, Dunnell of Minnesota, Whiting of Illinois, Morey of Louisiana, Wallace of Pennsylvania.

Reform in Civil Service.—Mr. Whitehouse of New-York, Chairman; Messrs. Brown of Kentucky, Throckmorton of Texas, Payne of Ohio, Collins of Pennsylvania, DeBolt of Missouri, Cutler of New-Jersey, Hurlbut of Illinois, Harris of Massachusetts, Foster of Ohio, Leavenworth of New York.

Manufactures.—Mr. Stone of Missouri, Chairman; Messrs. Dibrell of Tennessee, Ross of New-Jersey, Williams of Alabama, Hopkins of Pennsylvania, Money of Mississippi, Burchard of Wisconsin, Farwell of Illinois, Ballou of Rhode Island, Williams of New-York, Hymans of North Carolina.

Militia.—Mr. Cowan of Ohio, Chairman; Messrs. Hereford of West Virginia, Bell of New-Hampshire, Scales of North Carolina, Candler of Georgia, Walsh of Maryland, Tarbox of Massachusetts, Ross of Pennsylvania, Darrell of Louisiana, Crounse of Nebraska, King of Minnesota.

Expenditures on Public Buildings.—Mr. Metcalf of New-York, Chairman; Messrs. Wilson of West Virginia, Bagby of Illinois, Pratt of Iowa, Townsend of New-York.

Expenditures in Navy Department.—Mr. Beebe of New-York, Chairman; Messrs. Mills of Texas, Sheakley of Pennsylvania, Burleigh of Maine, Baker of New-York.

Expenditures in the State Department.—Mr. Springer of Illinois, Chairman; Messrs. Thompson of Massachusetts, Caldwell of Tennessee, Wallace of Pennsylvania, Leavenworth of New-York.

Expenditures in the Treasury Department.—Mr. Ely of New-York, Chairman; Messrs. Bright of Tennessee, Hartzell of Illinois, W. B. Williams of Michigan, Plaisted of Maine.

Committee on Accounts.—Mr. Williams of Indiana, Chairman: Messrs. Roberts of Maryland, Powell of Pennsylvania, Hoskins of New-York, Fort of Illinois.

Expenditures in the War Department.—Mr. Clymer of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Robbins of North Carolina, Blackburn of Kentucky, Bass of New-York, Danford of Ohio.

Expenditures in the Post Office Department.—Mr. Stone of Missouri, Chairman; Messrs. Reagan of Texas, Walker of New-York, Stowell of Virginia, Adams of New-York.

Expenditures in the Interior Department.—Mr. Mutchler of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Boone of Kentucky, Anderson of Illinois, Woodworth of Ohio, Tufts of Iowa.

Expenditures in the Department of Justice.—Mr. Caulfield of Illinois, Chairman; Messrs. Candler of Georgia, House of Tennessee, Starkweather of Connecticut, Joyce of Vermont.

Mileage.—Mr. Egbert of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Bradford of Alabama, Odell of New-York, Caswell of Wisconsin, Walls of Florida.

Printing.—Mr. Vance of Ohio, Chairman; Messrs. Singleton of Mississippi, Ballou of Rhode Island.

On Rules.—The Speaker, Mr. Randall of Pennsylvania, Messrs. Cox of New-York, Blaine of Maine, Banks of Massachusetts.

Enrolled Bills.—Mr. Harris of Georgia, Chairman; Messrs. Hamilton of Indiana, Darrell of Louisiana.

On the Library.—Mr. Clymer of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Waddell of North Carolina, Monroe of Ohio.

Select Committee on the Centennial Celebration.—Mr. Hopkins of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Messrs. Hancock of Texas, Barnum of Connecticut, Banks of Massachusetts, Harrison of Illinois, O'Brien of Maryland, A. S. Williams of Michigan, Hardenbergh of New-Jersey, Kelley of Pennsylvania, Blaine of Maine, Lawrence of Ohio, Baker of New-York, Rainey of South Carolina.

Immediately after the announcement of the committees the House, at 1 o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, the 5th of January.

THE MURDERER STAUDERMANN.

It was stated yesterday that the Lunacy Commission appointed to inquire into the state of mind of Jacob Staudermann, under sentence of death for the murder of Louisa Siedenwand, who refused to marry him, had reported to Gov. Tilden that they found the prisoner insane, and that the latter had, in consequence, decided on commuting Staudermann's sentence to imprisonment for life, the convict to be immediately committed to the Lunatic Asylum at Auburn, for treatment. Inquiries were yesterday made in the District Attorney's Office, but Mr. Phelps was absent, and none of his subordinates could give any information on the subject. It is probable, however, that the statement is correct, and that the action of the Governor will be made public in a few days. Those who have watched him closely say they have no doubt that Staudermann is hopelessly insane.

POST OFFICE NOTES.

The recently-arranged mail service between this City and San Domingo will go into operation with the steam-ship Wilmington, sailing on the 24th inst. She will take mails for Turk's Island, Puerto Plata, Samana and San Domingo City. Postmaster James yesterday received a communication from the agent of the Hamburg-American Packet Company stating that the collision and consequent detention of the steam-ship Suevia on the Elbe has induced the company to make a change in the January sailing days, which will now be as follows: No steamer will leave New-York on Jan. 6; the steam-ship Suevia, which will leave Havre to-morrow, will sail from New-York Jan. 13, the Gellert Jan. 20, and the Klopstock Jan. 27.

MEETING OF FREE-TRADE ADVOCATES.

The organization formerly known as the Municipal Reform Association, and now as the International Free-trade Alliance, held a meeting last evening at No. 43 Washington square, at which there were about a dozen persons present. Mr. Frederick H. Harrison presided, and Deputy Controller Abraham L. Earle acted as Secretary. Letters from W. C. Bryant and others were read, and addresses were made by Messrs. A. L. Earle, Josiah Rich, William Wood, Isaac Dayton, and others, in favor of the principles advocated by the alliance.

LAW REPORTS.

MR. BOWEN'S LIBEL SUIT.

THE JURY IN THE KIDD CASE SELECTED—THE MOTION TO DELAY DENIED.

Mr. Bowen has, within the past year, brought three libel suits against the Brooklyn *Eagle*, the aggregate damages in which amount to $300,000. One of these suits, which is known as the "Captain Kidd" case, was called yesterday in the Brooklyn City Court, before Judge Reynolds. The court-room was crowded, and among those in attendance were Horace B. Claflin, A. A. Low, Thomas Kinsella, United States District Attorney Tenney, Alderman Ripley Ropes, and Collector Vreeland. A number of ladies were present during the proceedings. Messrs. William Fullerton, George Holt, and C. H. Winfield appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. William A. Beach, William C. De Witt, and Jesse Johnson for the defendants. When the case was called Mr. Holt, for plaintiff, answered ready, but Mr. De Witt, for the defendants, said they were not ready to proceed, and moved for a stay on three grounds, viz:

First—The absence of three material witnesses whom they had used due diligence to secure;

Second—Because the commission issued by this court to take the testimony of a witness in Connecticut has not yet returned; and

Third—Because the appeal of the decision refusing leave to amend the answer has not yet been heard, and should be before the case can safely go to trial.

Mr. De Witt read affidavits of Mr. Jesse Johnson and others, showing efforts to subpoena the three witnesses alluded to, who are Mr. George Wilkes, of *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*, who published facts concerning the Kidd case; Mr. Charles Carpenter, and Mr. William P. Davis, who waited on the author of the alleged libel in this case, and gave him all the information in regard to the Kidd case. He then proceeded to argue the motion at length, claiming as matter of right under the law the power to amend the answer before trial by adding allegations material to the issue, and referring to Bates against Fellows, Supreme Court trials, and other cases.

Mr. Fullerton replied for plaintiff, opposing the motion to strike off for the term. He said this libel for which they seek to bring the defendants to justice is independent of all the others. It goes back some thirty years and charges him with being concerned in certain rascally matters which have nothing to do with the other libels referred to. The plaintiff had been clamorous for trial of all the cases, and they were put off to suit defendant, and when they found it impossible to bring the others to trial they insisted on going on with this. The three-fold excuse was trivial. The affidavits did not show due diligence. They hadn't attempted to find Wilkes until three days ago, and it was understood that Wilkes is now in Europe. No man read these affidavits and came to the conclusion that real efforts have been made to find these witnesses. The defendants are in a position which gives them peculiar facilities to obtain witnesses and evidence, and have not used it. The affidavit of James P. Cary, financial writer for the *Eagle*, states that William P. Davis gave the information about Bowen's connection with the Kidd salvage case to him, and was referred to the office, and that the article thereon was written by a person to him well known, but now connected with the paper. Now, said Mr. Fullerton, why do they not produce the writer referred to, but not named; if he could show that Davis gave him the information, and that he accepted it in good faith, and so published it, they would not need Davis at all. Mr. Fullerton then proceeded to argue on the motion made by the defense, and claimed that it was not made in good faith.

The court said that there was one point on which there might be ground for the application. If they charged rascalities could they not prove specific acts?

Mr. Fullerton said they could not. If the defendants wanted to try the question of character, plaintiff was ready to go on, but defendant was not. In the meantime defendants were going on from day to day repeating the offenses complained of in publishing libels on his character.

Mr. Beach, for the defense, replied, saying that it was true that the defendants had published articles on the subject under investigation here, but they did not suppose that justice here depended on their silence. Concerning specific acts, it required no argument nor anything but the law of libel to show that those things which illustrate the character of the plaintiff were entirely proper to prove here. The action of the plaintiff here was to close the door to all this proper examination, and by preventing the admission of the proof of allegations, sustain his charge that defendants are libelers. In regard to the necessity of Davis as a witness, the author of the "Kidd" article had left defendant's employ, was now bitterly hostile to them, and has been subpoenaed by plaintiff. Hence the desire to have Davis as a check on him, as well as to prove the main facts. After some further argument and the making of some fresh affidavits, the motion to delay was finally denied and counsel proceeded to select a jury. The following jurors were selected to try the case: Ferdinand Oppenheimer, William Fisher, John Learey, E. M. Hendrickson, George W. Moore, Alfred Weeks, Horace A. Waterhouse, Henry Altmeyer, George G. Tucker, Joseph F. Granger, Frederick Herbess, Charles Keenan. When the jury had been selected the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

THEFT IN A PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

On or about the 20th day of November last a licensed vender named Norton was arrested and taken to the Harlem Police Court, on suspicion of having stolen a quantity of scrap lead which was found covered up with a horse-blanket in the bottom of the wagon which he was driving at the time. The man could not give any satisfactory explanation of the manner in which he came in possession of the lead, saying that he had been employed by a man, who was a stranger to him, to take it to a certain place in Water street, where the stranger was to meet him and take charge of it. The arrest having taken place in the neighborhood of the locality where a large number of men were employed in laying big pipes for the Department of Public Works, and there having been for some time suspicion that the lead, which was used for the purpose of calking the joints in the big pipes, was disappearing in some mysterious manner, several of the men in charge of the work were sent for, to see whether the material could be identified as having ever been the property of the City. These men were unable to so identify the lead, and Norton was discharged from custody; but the horse, wagon, and lead, which Norton said did not belong to him, were held by the Police Justice, and delivered over to the custody of the Property Clerk, at Police Headquarters, for safe keeping. Immediately afterward a man named O'Brien appeared before the Property Clerk, and claimed the horse and wagon as his property. He also claimed the lead, but as he was unable to prove ownership, he abandoned his claim to it, and asked only that the horse and wagon be restored. This request being refused, O'Brien brought a suit against the Property Clerk individually, for the recovery of the horse and wagon. This suit came up yesterday morning, in the Second District Civil Court, before Justice Clancy, and was summarily disposed of by the Justice, being by him set aside, on the ground that it should have been brought against the City, and not against the Property Clerk individually.

In the meantime, Mr. Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works, had taken the matter in hand, and instituted a vigilant inquiry into the circumstances of the case, with the view to ascertaining, if possible, the amount of lead which had been stolen from the Boulevard, and who was responsible for its disappearance. He recently issued an order suspending the general foreman and one of the gang foremen employed on the works, pending an investigation.

A SWINDLE WELL CARRIED OUT.

John F. Baird and James Wood were placed on trial in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, charged with obtaining goods by false pretenses. Assistant District Attorney Herring called John McArthur, book-keeper in the employ of Lyman & Greenman, proprietors of the Howard Brewery, No. 524 West Thirty-third street, who testified that on Sept. 3 Baird and Wood called on him and ordered $42 worth of ale and porter, representing that they had just purchased the liquor saloon No. 35 Thompson street. McArthur asked them whether the place mentioned was paid for and free from debt, and, on receiving assurance that such was the case, agreed to send the liquors to the place indicated. The goods were delivered in due time, and taken possession of by Baird and Wood, but it was subsequently discovered that neither of them had any interest in the business or premises, whereupon they were tracked and arrested for obtaining goods by false pretenses. Counsel for the prisoners claimed an acquittal on the ground of variance between the indictment and the proof, the former setting forth that the goods claimed to have been fraudulently obtained were the property of T. C. Lyman, one of the partners, instead of Lyman & Greenman, both partners in the firm. Judge Sutherland held the objection well taken, and directed an acquittal on the ground of variance, the prisoners to be remanded for trial on another indictment. It was subsequently found that the original indictment was sound.

A VERDICT AGAINST AN OHIO FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The case of E. F. Browning against the Home Fire Insurance Company, of Columbus, Ohio, came up for trial before Judge Loew and a jury in the Trial Term of the Court of Common Pleas yesterday. The suit was brought to recover $4,000 insurance money on a house in Brooklyn. The house was owned by John Wicks, who mortgaged it to the plaintiff, transferring with the mortgage the policy of insurance. The house burned down in 1871. After the testimony for the plaintiff had been taken the defendants moved to dismiss the complaint. One ground for the motion was that, as the house had been described in the policy as a dwelling house, it was understood to be occupied, whereas it really was not, and this was a breach of warranty. Again, they urged that according to the terms of the policy a transfer of the property was to vitiate the policy, and the owner had made a contract for the sale of the property before the fire. Judge Loew, in denying the motion to dismiss, held that there was no breach of warranty, and that the contract to sell was not a transfer of the property within the terms of the policy. A verdict was given to the plaintiff for $4,902.

COURT NOTES.

All notes of issue for the permanent Admiralty calendar in the United States District Court for the year 1876 must be filed on or before Dec. 24 inst.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Marcus Heinrich Alburn, who was tried a few days since for assaulting a little girl four years of age, named Josephine Bertine, and found guilty of assault and battery, was brought before Judge Sutherland and sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary.

Dora Wolff filed an assignment for the benefit of her creditors in the County Clerk's office yesterday, Simon Feldman being made the assignee. Harriet Sinsheimer assigned her property for the same purpose to Moses S. Mark, and Herman Hirsch and Morris Hirsch made similar assignments to Leopold Bamberger.

The application for the forfeiture of the bail in the criminal prosecutions against Tweed came up before Judge Donohue in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, but the matter was adjourned until Friday to allow Mr. Field, counsel for the bondsmen, to put in his answer to the points raised by Assistant District Attorney Lyon.

Judge Brady, in Supreme Court Chambers, yesterday listened to the argument in the matter of Col. James E. Kerrigan, charged with a contempt of court in refusing to answer certain questions put to him by the Board of Police Commissioners at the trial of Capt. McCullagh. He reserved his decision on the motion made to punish Kerrigan for the contempt by fine or imprisonment.

In the course of some remarks made in an application in the Special Term of the Court of Common Pleas yesterday, it appeared that Mr. Singer, the reputed stenographer of the Fourth District Civil Court, is not able to write phonographically. The lack of this requirement caused the application in question, which was to require Justice Hartmann to amend the testimony as it appeared on the minutes of the Court.

John Whelan was tried before Judge Sutherland, in General Sessions yesterday, for keeping a sailors' boarding-house at No. 349 Water street, without having procured the necessary license from the Commissioners for Licensing Sailors' Boarding-houses. Assistant District Attorney Herring having proved the case, the jury promptly found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced by Judge Sutherland to four months in the Penitentiary.

The trial of the suit of the United States against the Mechanics' National Bank to recover $1,500, the amount alleged to have been short in a package purporting to contain $25,000, was continued yesterday in the United States District Court before Judge Blatchford. During the afternoon the question was raised as to the admissibility of the defense made, that a mistake of this kind could not be corrected after the money was taken from the bank counter. Numerous authorities were cited, and decision was reserved until to-day.

George G. Van Horn, a lumber dealer, of Fourteenth street and Ninth avenue, and Henry Royce, were placed on trial yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, charged with obtaining goods by false pretenses. The charge was that on Oct. 4 the accused attempted to obtain a quantity of lumber from Watrous & Wilson, at First avenue and Thirty-ninth street, on promissory notes made by one Charles Farnham, they knowing that at the time Farnham was failing in business. The evidence did not sustain the charge, and by direction of Judge Sutherland the prisoners were discharged.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Davis.

Morris vs. Stoner.—Granted.

Lafaye vs. Lafaye.—The court requires all the pleadings and all other proceedings before judgment can be rendered.

Meyer vs. Joseph.—If judgment has been entered it may stand as security, and defendant, on paying the costs that have accrued subsequent to default, and $10 costs of this motion, may have ten days after entry of order herein in which to answer.

Sanderson vs. Ettinger.—Motion denied, costs to abide event. Memorandum.

Brown vs. Geery.—Motion granted. Memorandum.

By Judge Donohue.

Matter of Robbins and Randel vs. Parker.—Granted.

Mittnacht vs. Steinmetz.—Injunction granted.

Pettis vs. Roberts.—Order is correct as it stands.

Earle vs. Johnson.—Memorandum.

By Judge Lawrence.

Settled.—Dummer vs. King and Walsh vs. Mead. Cases and amendments settled and ordered to be filed.

O'Farrell vs. Winks.—Motion denied. Memorandum.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Kelly vs. Plum et al.—Motion for new trial denied. Opinion.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Tallcot vs. Moore.—Motion for extra allowance denied.

By Judge Lawrence.

Walker vs. Courter et al.—Judgment for plaintiff, overruling demurrer, with leave to defendant to answer over on payment of costs within twenty days.

Bradley vs. Davids et al.—Judgment for plaintiff on demurrer, with leave to defendant to answer over on payment of costs within twenty days.

Delaney vs. Maloney.—Decree must be submitted.

Stearn vs. Schattman.—Memorandum.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—The following is the day calendar, Court of Appeals, for Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1875: Nos. 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 38, 79, and 89. In case No. 11, Brick vs. Brick, argument was resumed and concluded. No. 4, Michael Murphy, plaintiff in error, vs. The People, &c., defendants in error; argued by Henry Dailey, Jr., and James Emott, of counsel for plaintiff in error, and by Seth B. Cole, District Attorney, for the people.

THE CLERK OF THE MARINE COURT.

Mr. John D. Coughlin, the newly-appointed Clerk of the Marine Court, has reappointed Mr. Wood, the chief deputy of the late Clerk, Maurice J. Power, and will not make any changes in the clerical force until Jan. 1. On Friday last Mr. Power paid over to Mr. Coughlin $4,670 98 to cover moneys deposited, in various suits, with Mr. Power, by order of the court, when he was Clerk. On the same day he paid Mr. Coughlin $9,000, to cover fees, trial fees, and stenographers' fees, which he had been under obligation by law hitherto to turn over to the Controller, but had failed to do so. This amount is only a part of the money he has withheld, and was paid to Mr. Coughlin on account. The affairs of the Clerk's office under Mr. Power were sadly mismanaged by incompetent subordinates, who were careless of their duties and frequently exacted more than the legal fees.

A MANDAMUS SOUGHT AGAINST JUDGE FREEDMAN.

An application was made to Judge Brady in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, asking for a mandamus against Judge J. J. Freedman, of the Superior Court, in order to compel the latter to settle the case of Hegeman against Cantrell according to the stenographic minutes which, it was alleged, he had refused to do. The action had been brought by Francis B. Hegeman against Mrs. Mary Cantrell, and was for the foreclosure of a mortgage of $12,500. The defense set up was usury. The case came up in the Equity Branch of the Superior Court. Some special issues were ordered to be tried before a jury, and they came up in March last before Judge Freedman and a jury. A sealed verdict was brought in and was opened by Judge Freedman, who, on reading the contents observed "it takes thirteen men to make a jury in my Court." He then sent the jury out again and they soon returned with a different verdict. This latter verdict was objected to by H. H. Morange, who represented the defendant, while the first verdict was satisfactory to him. The case is now to come up in Special Term, and he wished to have it settled by having inserted the minutes of the entire proceedings before the jury. This, it was claimed, Judge Freedman did not wish to do, and hence the application for a mandamus. In opposition to the motion it was urged that, as the Superior Court was of equal and co-ordinate jurisdiction in this City to the Supreme Court, a judge of one court could not issue a mandamus against a judge of the other court. Again, even if the court had the power, it should not interfere with the practice of another court in a case of this kind, the trial of the special issues having nothing to do with the case in equity. The remedy for a wrong, if there were any, was by a motion for a new trial on the special issues. The court reserved its decision.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Brady, J.

Nos.
171—Bradt vs. Boulter.
4—Fitts, &c., vs. Onderdonk.
9—Thurber vs. O'Neill.
51—Deane vs. Weir, &c.
71—Collins vs. Buddensick.
81—Nat. Spring Co. vs. Board of Assessors.
82—Decker vs. Brown.
90—Lupton vs. Fletcher, &c.
91—Soc. for Ref. of Juv. Dels. vs. Krauth, &c.
100—Macy vs. Lane.
104—Derr vs. Bonarentina.
107—Gudck, &c., vs. Waters, &c.
114—Blossom vs. Hatfield.
117—Goodridge vs. Lane, &c.
119—Nat. Photo. Chem. Co. vs. Clark.
120—Nat. Photo. Chem. Co. vs. Schoonmaker.

Nos.
126—Matter of Ginger.
129—Strachan vs. Van Tuyl.
133—Mulock vs. Berry.
145—Jacob vs. Jacob.
153—Dudley vs. Gould, &c.
154—Gaynor vs. Fleming.
158—Loughran vs. McGuiggan.
162—Stolis vs. Cantrell.
178—U. S. Guar. & Ind. Co. vs. Neidig.
179—Lyles, &c., vs. Justice.
189—Jewell, &c., vs. Pratt.
210—Bluestone vs. Bluestone.
211—L., N. Y. & H. Pub. Co. vs. Gatling.
228—Kramer vs. Zwickert.
264—Thompson vs. The Mayor, &c.
271—McLellan vs. Clow.
274—Walker vs. Dodge.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

Held by Donohue, J.

Nos.
1435—Trask et al. vs. Hosford.
1867—The Mayor, &c., vs. Wood.
195½—Ontario Bank vs. McNeill.
1553½—Thorp vs. The Mayor, &c.
1822—Creamer vs. The Mayor, &c.
1459—Anderson vs. Jacobs et al.
453—Richardson vs. O'Brien, &c.
2558—Fitzpatrick vs. The Mayor, &c.
73—Newton vs. Continental Bank.
3834—Sage vs. The Mayor, &c.
2079—Higham vs. N. Y. Cen. & H. R. R. R. Co.
2115—Weinpans vs. The Mayor, &c.
777—Phelps vs. Middleton.
1055—Waun vs. Ashley.
1603—Gompertz vs. Prentice et al.
Nos.
897—Maillard vs. Paine et al.
3503—Fellows et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.
3845—Genet vs. The Mayor, &c.
2181—Roberts vs. Hill.
2119—Bigler vs. The Mayor, &c.
1163—Fisk vs. Bradley.
467—Steinbeck vs. Brennan, &c.
1579—Sherman vs. Hoffman et al.
3473—Noonan vs. The Mayor, &c.
3449—O'Brien vs. The Mayor, &c.
1641—Fisk vs. Felt.
3686—Hartshorne, &c., vs. Buttershall et al.
2291—Comstock vs. Drohan.
1629—Schappert vs. Sulzer.
2197—Sheriden et al. vs. Hopkins.
2089—Pillond vs. Pratt, &c.
3961—Dietrich vs. The Mayor, &c.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

Held by Van Vorst, J.

Nos.
2706—Cassabeer et al. vs. Kalbfleisch.
1648—Olcott, &c., vs. Maclean.
3632—Imhoff vs. The Mayor, &c.
630½—Halgarten vs. Eckert et al.
1028—Baldwin et al. vs. Briggs.
1536—Woster vs. Kelleman.
1454—Hager vs. Williamson.
178—Hauck vs. Craighead et al.
698—Spratt vs. Potter.
2204½—O'Brien vs. Browning.
1284—Jessup vs. Smith et al.
1514—Biggs et al. vs. Strews.
1176—Lawrence vs. Cecil.
Nos.
3441—Sachensdorf vs. The Mayor, &c.
225—Maguire vs. Fardy.
236—N. Y. Guar. & Ind. Co. vs. Weekman.
992—Germania Bank vs. Schafer et al.
2338—Kellum, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c.
982—Mathes vs. Brennan, &c.
452½—Clark vs. Cockerill.
2944—Halstead vs. Seaman.
3634—Moody et al. vs. Pell.
468—Reid et al. vs. Schmale.
870½—Morgan vs. Smith et al.
3600—Guina, &c., vs. Second Av. R. R. Co.
1522—Bailey, &c., vs. Spofford, &c.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

Held by Lawrence, J.

Nos.
1359—Poillon, &c., vs. Volkening et al.
823—Levi et al. vs. Morrisania S. B. Co.
3661——— vs. ——.
3269—N. Y. B. Dock Co. vs. The Mayor, &c.
1247—Sun P. and P. Co. vs. Tribune Ass.
988½—Brown vs. The Mayor, &c.
1401—Rossmann et al. vs. Mahon et al.
4005—Seaver, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c.
3630—Corrigan, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c.
141—Letchford et al. vs. H. R. R. R. Co.
Nos.
3039—Freund et al. vs. Imp. & T. Nat. Bank.
363—Reck vs. Phenix Ins. Company.
2749—Hazard vs. Conklin.
3377—Sardina vs. Blanco et al.
1021—Phelan et al. vs. Collender.
1029—Phelan et al., &c., vs. Collender.
1327—Phelan, &c., vs. Collender.
713½——— vs. ——.
1547—Hall vs. Robbins.
1951—Brown vs. Recknagle et al.
3999——— vs. ——.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Barrett, J.

Demurrers.
Nos.
8—Cheever, &c., vs. Lamar, &c.
23—Claflin et al. vs. Sessel, Jr., et al.
Law and Fact.
576—Sandford vs. Union Dime Savings Inst.
815—Union Dime Sav. Inst. vs. Clark et al.
615½—Same vs. Same.
102—Miller vs. Sledge et al.
488—Hoffman vs. Wetmore et al.
634—Bockhorn vs. Miller.
93—Beamish vs. Rushton et al.
544—Ranney vs. Peyser et al.
557—Hay vs. Star Fire Insurance Co.
Nos.
106—Sterne vs. Goepp.
484—Lyon vs. Williams et al.
652—Sober vs. McCormack.
653—Same vs. Same.
654—Same vs. Same.
563—De Ruyter et al. vs. Lambard et al.
580—Flint vs. Hemenway et al.
213—Reynolds vs. Crandell, &c.
214—Howard vs. Crandell, &c.
75—McBride vs. McBride.
536—Levy vs. Merrill.
583—N. Y. S. L. & S. Co. vs. Cook Co. Nat. Bank of Chicago.
49—King vs. Duryea.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Sedgwick, J.

Nos.
8—Grossbeck vs. Grossbeck.
48—Weinfeld vs. Johnson.
28—Pursell vs. N. Y. Life I. & S. Co. et al.
34—Carpenter vs. Fisher et al.
41—Daly vs. Wallack.
14—Olvany vs. Fox.
51—Myers Engine Co. vs. Thompson.
Nos.
13—Mierson vs. Hoyt.
42—Autenrieth vs. Somerville et al.
36—The Mayor, &c., vs. N. Y. & S. I. F. Co. et al.
49—Evans vs. Vose et al.
6—Rowland vs. The Mayor, &c.
52—Struggman et al. vs. Miller et al.
46—Weil vs. Fischer et al.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Speir, J.

Case on—No. 855—N. Y. Guar. & Ind. Co. vs. Gleason, &c. No day calendar.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Freedman, J.

Nos.
914—Fifth Nat. Bank of Providence vs. Benner et al.
912—Lime Rock Nat. B'k of Providence vs. Kirke.
1783—Harrison et al. vs. Kirke et al.
1390—Klein vs. Conner, &c.
856—Kerrigan vs. Broadway & 7th Av. R. Co.
718—Weeks et al. vs. Man. R. E. Assoc'n.
556—Earl vs. Bendelston.
Nos.
642—McArdle vs. Koehler.
926—Stevens et al., &c., vs. Hall.
1818—Parker, Jr., vs. The Mayor, &c.
1326—Bohle, &c., vs. H. B. M. & F. R. R. Co.
916—Hagaman vs. Burr.
1272—Dowd vs. The Mayor, &c.
800½—Geru vs. Fiske et al.
454—McCarthy vs. McQuade et al.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned sine die.

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM.

Held by Robinson, J.

Nos.
25—Rhodes vs. Mut. L. Ins. Co.
26—Arkenburgh vs. Sheridan et al.
Nos.
44—De Seyer vs. Wade.
3—Bates vs. Pelton.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Larremore, J.

Case on—No. 1978—O'Gorman vs. Kamack. No day calendar.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Loew, J.

Nos.
1818—Walsh vs. The Mayor, &c.
1814—Littlepage vs. The Mayor, &c.
2137—The People vs. The Mayor, &c.
1224—Fogg vs. Howard et al.
219—Schwartz vs. O'Brien.
1208—Heyman vs. Stevenson.
566—Hexter vs. Brennan, &c.
2285—Whiting vs. The Mayor, &c.
Nos.
2198—McGuinness vs. The Mayor, &c.
1698—Mullaly vs. The Mayor, &c.
1203—Morgan vs. Cen. P., N. & E. R. R. R. Co.
1683—Conroy vs. The Mayor, &c.
1970—Weber vs. The Mayor, &c.
1811—Abrahams vs. The Mayor, &c.
1812½—Vandewater vs. The Mayor, &c.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by McAdam, J.

Nos.
3332—Starin, Jr., vs. Decker.
3395—Crosby vs. Cole.
5567—Weller vs. Schlamp.
4163—Stuart et al. vs. Wilmore et al.
4425—Johnson vs. Barnett.
2015—Smith et al. vs. Sibree et al.
4264—Schneider vs. Weber.
6113—Striffler vs. Hartman et al.
5894—Chidwick vs. Short.
5895—Kinney vs. Schmitt et al.
3337—Frost vs. Bearns.
2470—Jacobs vs. Clark.
6607—Harrison vs. Price.
5959—Diossey vs. Heuberer.
6217—Netzer vs. Wentzel.
6527—McGrath vs. McKeiver.
6049—Merchants' Ex. Nat. Bank vs. Malloy.
6050—Same vs. Same.
5923—Spring et al. vs. Murray, &c.
5924—Davis et al. vs. Murray, &c.
5848—Wheeler vs. Freuchtnicht.
5405—Merfield vs. Conner et al.
Nos.
5740—Wulfing vs. Meagher, &c.
5803—Neely et al. vs. Honlöser.
4789—Stoddard vs. Sherwin et al.
2780—Carey vs. The Mayor, &c.
3536—Heissenbuttle vs. Wagner.
4340—Kiernan vs. Mapes, Jr.
4867—Hayman et al. vs. Lesser et al.
4869—Hayman et al. vs. Elias et al.
5456—Winans vs. Friedman.
5939—Werner vs. Banks.
5986—Averill vs. Taylor.
6121—Rice vs. Burn et al.
6168—Westheimer vs. Dannenhauer, &c.
6175—Merrill et al. vs. Altvater.
6238—Lippman vs. Lowenthal.
6193—Toope et al. vs. Prigge.
6199—Higgins vs. Sinsheimer.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Alker, J.

Nos.
4449—Storey vs. Salomon.
4450—Griffin vs. Salomon.
1443—Bergman vs. Salomon et al.
3662—Presse vs. Kempf.
3565—Kumpf vs. Thompson.
3648—Turk vs. Gilmore.
5170—Lewis vs. Marsh.
3319—Friedlander et al. vs. Epstein.
Nos.
3669—Michler vs. Goldschmidt et al.
3670—U. S. Electro M. & B. Co. vs. Guernsey.
3672—Reimer vs. Pfluger, Jr.
3673—Brinker et al. vs. Golden et al.
3674—Woodman vs. Bradstreet et al.
3675—Michel vs. Bollier.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by Joachimsen, J.

Nos.
5943—Manice et al. vs. Garrison.
6095—Files vs. Schwarzler.
5642—Clark et al. vs. Looram.
5394—Boyd vs. Jersey City & A. R. R. Co.
5448—Huller vs. Kastung.
5455—Phillips vs. Hoyt, &c.
5842—Smith vs. Adams, Jr.
5670—Pierson et al. vs. Cochran.
6008—Scribner et al. vs. Marsh, &c.
6063—Egan vs. Smith.
5997—Trimble et al. vs. McConnell et al.
5656—Newton et al. vs. Hubbell.
5395—Davis vs. Rosenfeld, Jr.
5470—Lyon vs. Blum.
5687—Stone vs. Concklin.
5718—German Exchange Bank vs. Barretto.
Nos.
5782—Marzo vs. Griswold.
5392—Hathorn vs. Arthur.
4503—Haight vs. Schott.
4504—Same vs. Same.
2159—Bierstead vs. Peffers.
2444—Fellows vs. Randel et al.
5621—Blaney vs. Rapilye.
5622—Same vs. Same.
5588—Young vs. Bang.
4582—Harris vs. Isaacs et al.
3331—Frankenstein vs. Lindemann.
5648—Vogel et al. vs. Maher et al.
5325—Van Zandt et al. vs. Brown.
5584—Gregory vs. Gwynne.
5314—Roux et al. vs. Schaaf.
5058—Wallach et al. vs. Metzer.
5373—Koster vs. Hartmann et al.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Sutherland, J.

John Connor, William McMahon, John Twomey, and David Savage, burglary.
John Costello and Rody Brewer, burglary.
Mary Deney, grand larceny.
Joseph Wensler and Gustav Burgle, grand larceny.
George Steiner, felonious assault and battery.
John Orr, burglary.
William Daly and Martin Brennan, burglary.
John Commingfort, forgery.
George Holloway, assault and battery.
Lyman Bullard, gambling.
Oscar Fisher, petit larceny.
John Manning, petit larceny.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—DEC. 20.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$5,000 Un.Pac.1st.b3.105⅝
5,000 H.& St.J. 8s, C. 81
200 Western Un...s3. 76
1000 do.........c 76
700 Pacific Mail.......39⅛
700 do.............39⅜
1200 do.............39¼
2700 do.............39⅜
300 do.........c. 39⅜
1900 do.........s3. 39¼
100 Erie Railway......15⅞
400 do.............15¾
400 do.............15⅝
2400 do.............15½
700 do.........b3. 15½
100 Panama........s60.125
100 Michigan Cen......59⅝
100 North-western.....38¾
100 do.............38⅝
500 Lake Shore.......61⅛
1400 do.............61¼
400 do.........s3. 61⅛
1800 do.........s3. 61
500 do.............61
600 do.............61
1400 do.........s3. 60⅞
1200 do.........s3. 60¾
100 Han. & St. Jo. Pf. 27⅜
20 do.............27¼
100 Union Pacific......75
100 do.............74¾
100 do.............74½
200 do.............74¼
100 St. Paul...........35
500 St. Paul Pref......65⅝
100 do.............65¼
200 Ohio & Miss...s3. 16⅜

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C..........12.124¼
30,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67..........123
$20,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67..........b3.123⅛
25,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67.........12.123

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$2,000 Ga. 7s.ind.....100½
2,000 Tenn. 6s, old... 42
5,000 Tenn. 6s, new. 40½
10,000 T. 6s. n. s...b3. 40
10,000 do.............39⅞
1,000 C., R. I.&P.7s.110⅝
15,000 do.............110½
2,000 N. J. C. 1st, n.115½
1,000 M. & St. P.1st, LaC. Div......97⅞
1,000 N. W. C. C. G. 85
1,000 Erie 2d.........101¼
2,000 Mich. So. 2d...101
6,000 H.& St.J.8s,C. 81
4,000 do.............80⅞
1,000 Mich. So. 8. F.105¾
1,000 N. Y. C. 6s, '87.101¼
3,000 N. Y. C. 1st, c.125
2,000 O. & M. C. S. F. 95
10,000 C. P. G. Bds...107¼
1,000 do.............107⅛
2,000 Un. Pac. 1st...105½
7,000 do.............105⅝
3,000 U. P. S. F.......93⅛
10,000 Del. & H. R.s3.108
60 U. S. Ex.......... 60
20 do.........b.c. 60½
15 Amer. Ex.......... 57¼
6 D. & H. C.......c.122¾
20 do.........s3.122½
56 do.............122¾
20 do.............122½
69 do.............122¾
100 At. & Pac.T.b.c.s3 18
300 W. U. T........b.c.c. 76
1000 do.............75⅞
200 do.............75⅞
200 do.............76
700 Erie Railw'y..b.c.. 15½
400 do.............15⅝
800 do.........s3. 15⅝
400 do.........b3. 15½
200 do.........c. 15½
200 do.............15½
10 Cen. R. of N. J...105¾
100 Un. Pac.......b.c. 74⅞
200 do.............74½
100 do.............74⅞
300 Mich. Cen......b.c. 59¼
200 do.............59¼
100 do.............59½
100 do........s10. 59¼
200 do.............59¼
100 do.............59⅛
100 do.............59½
33 C. & P. Gd....b.c. 90
15 do.............89¾
100 C. & N. W.....b.c.c 38⅝
200 do.............38⅝
800 do.............38¾
300 do.............38⅞
100 C. & N. W. Pf.b.c. 54⅝
100 Pac. M.........b.c. 39¼
500 do.............39⅛
1500 do.............39
100 do.........c. 39⅛
50 do.............38⅞
600 do.............39⅛
100 do.........s3. 39
100 do.............39¼
100 do.............39¼
100 do.............39⅛
100 do.............39
100 do.............38⅞
200 do.............38⅞
100 do.............39
1600 do.............38⅞
2500 do.............38¾
800 do.............38⅞
100 do.............39⅛
200 do.............39⅛
100 do.........s10. 39⅛
1700 do.............39¼
400 do.............39⅜
200 do.........s3. 39¼
500 do.............39¼
20 Chi. & Alton......97½
1000 L.S.&M.S.b.c.s3. 60¾
2300 do.............60⅞
600 do.............60⅞
300 do.............60⅞
1400 do.............60¾
500 do.........s3. 60⅞
1400 do.............60¾
300 do.........s10. 60¾
400 do.........b3. 60⅞
900 do.............60⅞
300 do.............60¾
10 Han. & St. J.........20¾
100 do.........b.c.s3. 21
200 C. & R. I.....b.c.104
100 do.............104⅛
100 do.........c.104⅛
100 Chi., Bur. & Q....114¾
15 St. L., I.M.&S.b.c. 14½
100 C. M. & St. P.b.c. 34⅞
100 do.............35
100 do.............34⅞
400 do.............34⅝
100 do.........s3. 34⅝
300 do.............34⅝
100 do.........b3. 34¾
200 do.............34⅞
200 C.,M.&St.P.Pf.b.c 65⅛
100 do.........s3. 65⅝
100 do.............65½
300 do.............65⅝
200 do.........s3. 65⅝
25 Mor. & Es.......b.c.101
100 At. & Pac. Pf.b.c. 3⅛
400 O. & M.........b.c. 16⅝
200 do.............16½

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$5,000 Reg'd 6s, '81.119½
20,000 U. S. C. 5s,'81.117⅞
5,000 W. & S. P. 1st. 80
25,000 Erie 3d.......... 95
1,000 Erie 4th........ 94
3,000 U. Pac. 1st.....105½
1,000 do.............105⅝
400 North-western....38⅞
100 do.............38¾
100 Lake Shore.....b3. 60⅞
200 do.............60⅞
100 do.........s5. 60¾
2600 do.........s3. 60¾
500 do.........s3. 60⅝
100 Erie Railway..b3. 15⅝
100 Mich. Central.....59¼
600 Pacific Mail.......39¼
500 do.........s3. 39¼
100 do.............39¼
600 do.............39¼
300 do.............39⅛
200 do.............39⅛
200 St. Paul..........34⅛
100 do.............34⅛
100 Tol. & Wab.....s3. 4⅛
100 Ohio & Miss.......16⅝
100 St. L. & I. M.....15½
200 N. J. Southern.....1

GOVERNMENT STOCK DEPARTMENT—2 P. M.

$2,000 U. S. 5-20, R., '67..........119½
10,000 U. S. 5s,R.,'81.116⅞
$25,000 U. S. 5-20,C., '67..........123
4,000 U. S. 5s,C.,'81.117⅛

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$4,000 C. & N.W. 1st.101½
1,500 N. W. C. G. 84½
5,000 C.&R.I.&P.7s.110¾
10,000 N. Y. C. 1st, c.124
2,000 W. U.Tel.b.c. 97½
2,000 Erie 2d.........101
100 Sp. M. Coal..b.c. 62
20 Del.& Hud.Canal.123
20 do.........b.c.123
800 W. U. Tel.....b.c. 75¾
300 do.........s3. 75¾
100 do.........s5. 75¾
15 American Ex......57½
100 U. S. Express.b.c. 60⅞
100 do.............60½
100 do.............61
100 N.Y.C. &H.R..b.c.104¼
100 Pac. Mail.c. s3. 39
100 do.........b3. 39⅛
100 do.........c. 39
900 do.............39
2300 do.............39⅛
400 Erie Rail'y.b.c.b3. 15⅝
100 do.............15⅝
200 do.........c. 15⅝
100 do.........s10. 15½
200 Panama...b.c.s3.125
200 Union Pacific.b.c. 74¾
100 Mich. Cen...b.c. 59¼
300 do.........s3. 59
100 do.............59
200 do.............58¾
100 Ohio & Miss..b.c. 16⅝
500 do.............16½
100 do.........s10. 16½
300 L. S.& M.S.b.c.s3. 60⅝
100 do.............60¾
200 do.............60¾
2800 do.........s3. 60⅝
200 do.............60⅝
100 do.............60⅝
1600 do.............60½
100 do.........b3. 60⅝
1100 do.........s3. 60½
100 Chic. & N. W.b.c. 38¾
200 do.............38⅝
100 C.&N.W.Pf.b.c.s3. 54⅝
100 C. R. of N.J.b.c.c.105⅜
100 do.........s30.104½
100 do.........s3. 105¼
100 do.............105½
47 do.............105¼
100 Chic. & R. I...b.c.103⅞
100 do.............104
100 do.............103⅞
200 C.,M.& S.P.b.c.s3. 34⅝
100 do.........b.c. 34⅝
200 do.........b3. 34¾
200 do.............34⅝
200 do.............34½
100 C.,M.& S.P.Pf.b.c. 65⅝
100 Tol., W. & W.b.c. 4⅜
100 do.............4
200 H. & St. J.b.c.s3. 20¾
100 do.............20¾
100 do.............20⅞
10 N. J. South...b.c. ¾
300 do.............1
200 Kan. Pacific..b.c. 12
5 St.L.,I.M.&So.b.c. 16

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$10,000 U. Pac. S. F.. 93⅛
40,000 do.............93
10,000 Union P. L. G.100½
3,000 M.& S.P.C.S.F. 82
35 Del. & Hudson....123
100 Quicksilver.........18
400 West. Union..xd. 73¾
100 do.........s3. 73⅝
100 U. S. Express.......61
200 N. Y. Cen. & Hud.104¼
100 Pacific Mail.....s3. 39⅛
100 do.............39⅛
100 do.........b3. 39⅛
200 do.........s3. 39
300 do.............39
100 do.........b3. 39⅛
200 do.........s3. 39
300 Union Pacific.......74½
1000 Erie Railway.......15½
200 do.........b3. 15½
100 do.........s3. 15⅝
450 North-western......38½
200 do.........s3. 38½
200 do.............38⅝
100 do.........b60. 38½
400 do.............38⅜
100 North-west. Pref.....54⅝
65 Rock Island........104
100 Tol. & Wabash......3⅞
100 Mich. Central.s3. 58⅞
300 do.............58¾
100 do.........s3. 58⅝
200 do.............58⅝
200 do.............58½
100 do.........s10. 58½
200 do.............58⅜
100 do.........s60. 57
2100 Lake Shore...s3. 60½
200 do.........s5. 60½
1000 do.............60½
800 do.............60⅜
100 do.............60½
400 do.............60½
100 do.........b3. 60⅜
400 do.........s10. 60⅜
200 do.............60⅜
500 do.............60¼
100 do.............60¼
300 do.........s3. 60¼
100 do.........b4. 60¼
25 St. Paul............34½
200 do.............34⅜
700 St. Paul Pref.......65¼
300 do.........s60. 65
500 do.............65⅛
100 Ohio & Miss..s10. 16⅜
400 do.............16⅜

MONDAY, Dec. 20—P. M.

The stock speculation to-day exhibited more activity than for some time past, the transactions aggregating nearly one hundred thousand shares, in which Lake Shore figured for 34,000 and Pacific Mail for 27,000. In the early dealings the market was lower, but about midday there was a general recovery in prices, followed by a decline again at the close. The widest fluctuation was in Michigan Central, which declined from 59⅝ to 58¼. Lake Shore opened at 61⅛, rose to 61¼, and finally declined to 60¼. North-west fluctuated between 38⅞ and 38⅜. St. Paul declined from 35 to 34⅜; Wabash from 4½ to 3⅞; Union Pacific from 75 to 74¼; Erie from 15⅞ to 15⅜, and Pacific Mail from 39½ to 38¾. Western Union opened at 76, dividend on, and closed at 73⅝, ex-dividend. Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph was steady at 18@18½. At the close Pacific Mail rallied to 39⅛@39¼. United States Express rose to 61½, bid.

There was a good demand for money, 7 ⅌ cent. being the common rate paid by borrowers on call until late in the day, when loans were made at 5@6 ⅌ cent., under more liberal offerings. The amount of national bank notes received at Washington for redemption to-day was $1,000,000.

The foreign advices were not especially important to-day. The Bank of England lost £27,000 sterling, withdrawn on balance. At London the market for securities was firm, especially toward the close, when United States 1867s advanced from 106⅝@106⅝ to 107; 10-40s closed at 106⅜@106½; old 1865s at 104, and new 5s at 104¾@105. Consols for money left off at 93⅞@93⅞ and for the account at 93⅞. The foreign exchanges were strong, with business close on to the asking rates, which remain at $4 85½@$4 89½ for bankers' long and short sterling. The gold market was steady early in the day at 113½@113¾, but afterward became weak and declined to 113⅜, at which figure the closing sales were made. In the loan market 1 to 5 ⅌ cent. was paid for carrying gold, and subsequently loans were made flat.

Government bonds were quiet. State bonds were steady, except for Tennessees, which declined under the expectation that the January interest would not be paid. Railroad bonds were firm in the main, although there was a slight decline in a few of the leading issues.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1875.

Gold receipts	$365,012 65
Gold payments	472,304 30
Gold balance	42,009,585 62
Currency receipts	986,396 23
Currency payments	1,414,910 31
Currency balance	38,220,699 78
Customs	101,000 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—DEC. 20.

	Saturday.	Monday.
American Gold	113⅜	113⅜
United States 5s, 1881, coupons	117½	117⅛
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupons	123⅛	123
Bills on London	$4 85@$4 85½	$4 85¼@$4 85½
New-York Central	104	104¼
Rock Island	104⅛	104
Pacific Mail	39½	39
St. Paul	35⅛	34⅜
St. Paul Preferred	65¾	65¼
Lake Shore	61⅛	60¼
North-western	39	38⅜
North-western Preferred	55	54½
Western Union	76⅛	73⅝
Union Pacific	75⅛	74½
Wabash	4⅛	3⅞
Delaware, Lack. and Western	119⅞	119½
New-Jersey Central	105⅛	105⅜
Panama	125	125
Erie	15¾	15⅜
Ohio	16¾	16⅜
C., C. and Indiana Central	4¼	4¼
Harlem	134½	134½

The extreme range of prices in stocks and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
New-York Central	104¼	104¼	300
Erie	15⅞	15⅜	9,900
Lake Shore	61¼	60¼	34,000
Wabash	4½	3⅞	400
North-western	38⅞	38⅜	3,950
North-western Preferred	54⅝	54½	300
Rock Island	104⅛	103⅞	815
Milwaukee & St. Paul	35	34⅜	3,125
Milwaukee & St. Paul Pref.	65⅝	65¼	3,100
New-Jersey Central	105⅜	105⅜	357
Michigan Central	59⅝	58¼	3,500
Delaware & Hudson Canal	123¾	122¾	226
Union Pacific	75	74½	1,500
Hannibal & St. Joseph	21	20¾	500
Hannibal & St. Joseph Pref.	27⅜	27¼	120
Ohio & Mississippi	16⅝	16⅜	2,000
Panama	125	125	300
Western Union	76	75¾	4,100
Western Union, ex-dividend	73¾	73⅝	500
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph	18¼	18	100
Pacific Mail	39½	38¾	26,950
Quicksilver	18	18	100
Iron Mountain	15½	15½	148
A. & P. Preferred	3⅛	3⅛	100
Kansas Pacific	12	12	200
United States Express	61½	60	400
New-Jersey Southern	1	1	500
Total sales			96,421

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
United States Currency 6s	122	122¾
United States 6s, 1881, registered	119½	119⅝
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	124	124½
United States 5-20s, 1864, registered	*114	....
United States 5-20s, 1864, coupons*	114	....
United States 5-20s, 1865, registered	115⅛	116
United States 5-50s, 1865, coupons	115⅝	116
United States 5-20s, 1865, new, reg.	116¾	117
United States 5-20s, 1865, new, coup.	120¼	120⅜
United States 5-20s, 1867, registered	119	119½
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupons	122⅞	123
United States 5-20s, 1868, registered	119¼	119½
United States 5-20s, 1868, coupons	122⅞	123¼
United States 10-40s, registered	117⅜	117½
United States 10-40s, coupons	118	118⅜
United States 5s, 1881, registed	116¾	117
United States 5s, 1881, coupons	117	117⅛

* Called

The Sub-Treasury disbursed in coin $11,000 for interest and $241,000 for called bonds.

The following table shows the transactions at the Gold Exchange Bank to-day:

Gold cleared	$57,253,000
Gold balances	1,401,580
Currency balances	1,643,998

The following is the Clearing-house statement:

Currency exchanges	$79,372,115
Currency balances	3,017,091
Gold exchanges	8,914,602
Gold balances	1,486,064

The following were the bids for the various State Securities:

Alabama 5s, '83..... 26
Alabama 5s, '86..... 26
Alabama 8s, '86..... 28
Ark. 6s, Funded..... 39
Ark.7s, L.R.&F.S.is. 10
Ark.7s, Mem. &L.R. 10
A.7s, L.R.P.B.&N.O. 10
Ark. 7s, M. O.&R.R. 10
Ark. 7s, Ark. Cen.R. 10
Connecticut 6s......108
Georgia 6s.......... 92
Ga. 7s, new bonds...107
Ga. 7s, indorsed....100
Ga. 7s, Gold Bonds.. 99⅝
Indiana 5s..........104
Illinois coup. 6s, '77.104
Illinois coup. 6s, '79.104
Illinois War Loan...104
Kentucky 6s.........104
Louisiana 6s........ 40¼
Louisiana 6s, n. bds. 40¼
La. 6s, new F'g D't.. 40¼
La. 7s, Penitentiary. 40¼
La.8s, L. bds. of '75. 40
Michigan 6s, '78-'9..106
Michigan 6s, '83.....107
Michigan 7s, '90.....107
Mo. 6s, due in '76...102
Mo. 6s, due in '77...101⅞
Mo. 6s, due in '78...101⅞
Mo. 6s, due in '79...101⅞
Mo. 6s, due in '80...101⅞
Fd'g Bs., due in'94-5.102½
L. B., due'81to'91 inc.102¾
Asy. or Uni'y, due'92.102½
Han.&St.Jo., due'76.101½
Han.&St.Jo., due'86.102
Han.&St.Jo., due'87.102
N. Y. Reg. Bty Loan.103½
N. Y. 6s, G. Reg.,'87.115
N.Y. 6s, G. Coup.,'87.115
N. Y. 6s, G. Loan,'83.115
N. Y. 6s, G. Loan,'91.115
N. C. 6s, old, J. & J. 15⅞
N. C. 6s, Apr. & Oct. 15¾
N.C.,N.C.R.,Ja.&Ju. 50
N.C.,N.C.R.,Ap.&O. 50
N.C.N.C.R.c.off J&J. 35
N.C.N.C.R.c.off A&O 35
N. C. Fund. Act, '66. 8½
N. C. Fund. Act, 68. 7½
N.C. new bds., J.&J. 7
N.C. new bds. A.& O. 7
N.C.Spe.Tax,class 1. 3¼
N.C.Spe.Tax,class 2. 3⅛
N.C.Spe.Tax,class 3. 3
Ohio 6s, 1875........100
Ohio 6s, 1881........103
Ohio 6s, 1886........108
Rhode Island 6s......107
South Carolina 6s.... 35
S. Car. 6s, Jan.& Ju. 35
S. Car. 6s, Ap. & Oc. 35
S. C. Fund. Act,'66.. 35½
S.C. Land C.'89,J.&J. 38
S.C.LandC.'89,A.&O. 38½
S. Car. 7s of 1888.... 36½
S. C. Non-Fund. bds. 4⅝
Tennessee 6s, old.... 41⅞
Tennessee 6s, n. bds. 40
Tenn. 6s, n. bds. n. s. 39⅜
Virginia 6s, old..... 36½
Va. 6s, new bds.,'66. 37½
Va. 6s, new bds.,'67. 37½
Va. 6s, Con. bds..... 76
Va. 6s, ex-mat. coup. 71½
Dist.ofCol.3.65s,1924. 67½

And the following for railway mortgages:

Alb. & Sus. 1st Bds..116¼
Alb. & Sus. 3d Bds...101
B., H. & Erie 1st.... 18½
C. & O. 6s 1st, x c... 23
Chicago & Alton 1st.114½
Chicago & Alton Inc.105½
C., B. & Q. Con. 7s...109
C., R. I. & P. 1st 7s.110½
C.,R.I.&P.S.F.I.6s'95 99
C. R. of N. J. 1st, n..115½
C. R. of N. J. 1st C..110⅝
C.R.of N.J.1st Conv.106
L. & W.-B'e C. guar. 95¾
A. Dock & Imp. Bds.102
M.&St.P. 1st 8s,P.D.115
M.&S.P.2d7 3-10,P.D 94
M.&S.P.1st7s,g.R.D. 93¼
M.& St.P.1st, LaC.D. 97
M.&St.P.1st,I.&M.D 86
M.& St.P.1st,C.& M. 88½
M. & St. P. C. S. F... 87
M. & St. P. 2d........ 77
C. & N. W. S. F.......105
C. & N. W. In. bds..101½
C. & N.W. Con. bds. 99½
C. & N. W. Ex. bds. 90
C. & N. W. 1st.......100
C. & N.W.C. G. bds. 84⅞
C. & N. W.R. G.bds. 84
Gal. & Chi. Ex.......105½
Peninsula 1st, Con... 98
Chi. & Mil. 1st.......101
Win.&St.Peter's 1st. 78½
Win.& St.Peter's 2d. 60
C.,C.,C.&I. 1st,7s,SF.106
D., L. & W. 2d.......114
Morris & Essex 1st...118
Morris & Essex 2d...110
Mor. & Es. bds,1900.103
Mor. & Es. Con.......101½
Mor. & Es. 7s, '71...107
Mor. & Es. 1st, C. G.105½
Erie 1st, Ex.........102
Erie 2d, 7s, '79......101
Erie 4th, 7s, '80...... 94
Erie 5th, 7s, '88...... 92
Long Dock bds........105
B., N. Y. & E.1st'77. 85½
B., N. Y. & E. L.bds. 80
H. & St. Jo. 8s, con. 80⅞
C. Falls & Minn 1st. 83
Ind., Bl'n & W'n 2d. 10
Mich, So. 7 ⅌ c., 2d..101
M.S.N. I. S. F. 7⅌ c.105½
Cleve. & Tol. S. F...107
Cleve. & Tol. N. bds.102
Cleve., P. & A. o. bs.104½
Cleve. P. & A. n. bs.102
Detroit, M. & T. bds.102
Buffalo & Erie n. bs.101½
Buffalo & Stat L. 7s.103
Lake Shore div. bds.102
Lake Shore C. C. 1st.104½
Lake Shore C. R. 1st.100½
Lake Shore C. R. 2d. 94
Marietta & Cin. 1st.106½
Mich. Cen. C.7s,1902.102
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83.....102
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87.....101½
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. E...100
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n.100
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76.....102⅞
N. Y. C. & H. 1st, C.125
N. Y. C. & H. 1st, R.118
Hud.R.7s,2d,S.F.'85.109¾
Harlem 1st, 7s, C.....115½
Harlem 1st, 7s, R.....114¼
North Missouri 1st... 88
Ohio & Miss. C. S. F. 95
Ohio & Miss. Con.... 94
Ohio & Miss. 2d C... 68
Ohio & M. 1st, Sf. D. 15
Central Pacific G. B.107⅛
Cen. P., C. & O. 1st.. 92
Cen. Pan. L. G. bds.. 91½
Union Pacific 1st....105½
Union Pac. L. G. 7s.100½
Union Pacific S. F... 93
At. & Pac. L. G...... 20
S. Pac. R. bds.of Mo. 58
Pac. R. of Mo. 1st.... 81½
Pac.R.7s,gt'd by Mo.102¾
P., Ft.W.&Chic. 1st.115½
P., Ft.W.&Chic. 2d.109
P., Ft.W.& Chic. 3d.100
Clev.&Pitts.Con.S.F.107
Clev.& Pitts.4th,S.F.103
Col.,Chic. & Ind. 1st. 45
St. L. & Iron M. 1st. 93¾
St. L. & Iron M. 2d.. 56
Alton & T. H. 1st....108
Alton &T.H.2d,Pref. 85
Tol., P. & W. 2d..... 34
Tol. & Wab. 1st, Ex. 80¼
Tol.& W.1st,St.L.div. 57
Tol. & Wab. 2d....... 50¼
Tol. & Wab. Cons.C.. 29
Han. & Naples 1st... 29
Gt. Western 1st, '88. 78½
Gt. Western 2d, '93.. 50½
Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90. 30
Ill. & S. Iowa 1st.... 30
Laf.,Bl'n & Miss. 1st. 61
Han. & Cent. Mo.1st. 72½

And the following for City bank shares:

American Exchange.114
Central National...102½
Chatham...........140
City..............300
Commerce..........122
Corn Exchange.....133
Fulton............150
Gallatin National..130
German-American... 75
Gold Exchange.....120
Hanover........... 85
Import'rs'&Traders'.197
Manhattan.........150
Mechanics'........140
Mercantile........107
Merchants'........123
Nassau............123
New-York..........134
New-York County...230
Ninth National.... 80
Phenix............100¼
Republic.......... 85
State of New-York..100

PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES—DEC. 20.

Telegraphed to Messrs. Randolph, Bickley & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, New	105⅞	106
Camden and Amboy Railroad	135½	135⅝
Pennsylvania Railroad	51⅞	52
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	55⅛	55¼
Lehigh Valley Railroad	*61¾	61⅞
Catawissa Railroad, Preferred	43½	44
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	20	20⅛
Northern Central Railroad	34⅜	34½
Lehigh Navigation	49⅞	50
Lehigh Navigation, Gold Loan	104¼	104⅜

*Ex dividend.

The East River National Bank has declared a dividend of *Four ⅌ cent.*, free from tax, from the profits of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 3.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton dull and easier; Middling, 13c.; Low Middling, 12⅝c.; Good Ordinary, 11½c.@11¾c.; net receipts, 4,787 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,474 bales; to the Continent, 2,320 bales; coastwise, 2,259 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 62,011 bales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Cotton dull; lower to sell; Middling, 12¾c.; Low Middling, 12¼c.; Good Ordinary, 11⅝c.; net receipts, 5,364 bales; exports to France, 1,649 bales; coastwise, 3,298 bales; sales, 1,221 bales; stock, 95,544 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 12⅝c.; Low Middling, 11⅞c.; Good Ordinary, 10⅞c.; net receipts, 18,660 bales; gross 20,686 bales; exports to Great Britain, 5,007 bales; to the Continent, 930 bales; sales, 10,000 bales; stock, 237,987 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton steady; Middling, 12⅝c.; Low Middling, 12⅛c.; Good Ordinary, 11¼c.; net receipts, 7,898 bales; gross, 7,931 bales; exports, coastwise, 1,769 bales; sales, 1,911 bales; stock, 88,509 bales.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Dec. 20, 1875.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	15
Broom-corn, bales	91
B. E. Peas, bags	165
Cotton, bales	2,458
Dried Fruit, pkgs	19
Eggs, bbls	1,398
Flour, bbls	18,073
Wheat, bushels	93,827
Corn, bushels	57,192
Oats, bushels	22,446
Rye, bushels	500
Malt, bushels	1,022
Barley, bushels	4,200
Grass Seed, bags	660
Beans, bbls	110
Peas, bushels	10,630
Corn-meal, bbls	561
Corn-meal, bags	622
Buckw't Flour, pkgs	347
Oatmeal, bbls	25
Hops, bales	321
Hides, No.	1,269
Hides, bales	1,348
Leather, sides	10,405
Oil-cake, pkgs	1,670
Pork, pkgs	853
Beef, pkgs	2,577
Cut-meats, pkgs	2,413
Grease, pkgs	200
Lard, pkgs	1,044
Butter, pkgs	3,281
Cheese, pkgs	1,049
Tallow, pkgs	761
Dressed Hogs, No.	70
Pea-nuts, bags	1,036
Skins, bales	7
Tallow Oil, bbls	20
Sugar, bbls	154
Starch, bxs	1,116
Tea, half-chests	224
Tobacco, hhds	359
Tobacco, bxs., &c.	1,157
Whisky, bbls	571
Wool, bales	189

COAL—The movements in this line have been quite moderate at wholesale. Anthracite has been depressed and irregular as to values. We quote: Liverpool House Cannel at $17@$18; Liverpool Gas Cannel at $12; Newcastle Gas, $6 25@$7; Scotch Gas, $6 50@$7 25; Provincial Gas, $4 50@$5 25; American Gas, $6 50@$7 25; Cumberland Soft, $5 75@$6 25; American Cannel, $12@$14, and Anthracite at $5@$6 50 for Chestnut to Stove.

COFFEE—Rio has been quoted fully ⅛c. ⅌ lb. lower on a dull market; 1,121 bags by the Aquidneck at Baltimore, sold on private terms. Stock in first hands here this evening, 143,670 bags. Other kinds inactive and unsettled, though not offered freely....We quote invoices (nominally) thus: Rio, good ordinary, 17¼c.@17½c.; fair, 18⅛c.@18¼c.; good, 19c.@19¼c.; prime, 19¾c.@19⅞c., gold, ⅌ lb., 60 days' credit; Rio, in job lots, 17¼c.@20¾c., gold; Santos, fair to good, invoices, 18c.@19¼c.; Java, invoices, 26c.@27½c.; Maracaibo, 19c.@21c.; Laguayra, 19½c.@20½c.; Savanilla, 19c.@21c.; Mexican, 19¼c.@20½c., and Ceylon, 20c.@21½c., gold, ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Has been in less request for early delivery, with Low Middling, and grades under this quoted off 1-16c.; other grades, as before....Ordinary now quoted at 10 15-16c.; Low Middling, 12 13-16c.@13 1-16; Middling, 13 5-16c.@13½c. ⅌ lb....Sales were officially reported, for prompt delivery, of 1,219 bales, (of which 234 bales were on Saturday evening,) including 980 bales to shippers, and 239 bales to spinners. Included in the sales were 200 bales to arrive....The dealings for forward delivery have been on a liberal scale, but at a shade lower prices, influenced, in part, by the heavy receipts at the ports, and the less satisfactory advices from Liverpool; also by the decline in gold; closing, however, more firmly....Sales have been reported since our last of 21,700 bales, (of which 6,300 bales were on Saturday evening and 15,400 bales to-day,) with 1,500 bales on the calls, on the basis of Middling, with December options closing at 13⅛c.@13 5-32c.; January, 13 3-16c.@13 7-32c.; February, 13⅜c.@13 13-32c.; March, 13⅝c.@13 21-32c.; April, 13⅞c.; May, 14 1-16c.@14⅛c.; June, 14 9-32c.@14 5-16c.; July, 14 7-16c.@14 15-32c.; August, 14½c.@14 17-32c....The receipts at this port to-day were 2,458 bales, and at all the shipping ports were 47,899 bales, against 49,038 bales same day last week, and thus far this week, 76,181 bales, against 69,109 bales same time last week....The receipts at all the shipping ports since Sept. 1, 1875, have been 2,032,920 bales, against 1,880,888 bales the corresponding time in the preceding Cotton year....Consolidated exports (one day) to Great Britain from all the shipping ports, 14,509 bales; to the Continent, 11,456 bales....Stock in New-York to-day, 119,620 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 713,862 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Business in nearly all kinds of State and Western Flour has been quite limited since our last. The export inquiry has been less satisfactory, and the home trade call light. Prices, though without important alteration, have been quoted as favoring buyers slightly. City Mill product tamer. Most of the local mills already sold ahead of production. Unsound Flour attracted very little attention, and the bids for important amounts much under asking rates. Sales have been reported since our last of 11,850 bbls. of all grades, including unsound lots, at $4 25@$6, mainly at $4 75@$5 25; very inferior to choice No. 2 Flour, $3 65@$4 35, mainly at $3 75@$4; poor to choice Superfine and Western at $4 40@$4 75, chiefly at $4 50@$4 60 for fair to very good, (with choice very scarce;) inferior to choice Extra State, $4 90@$5 40, mainly at $5 15@$5 35; choice to fancy do., $5 40@$5 85; City Mills Extra, $5 10@$6 75, chiefly at $6@$6 40; poor to very choice shipping Extra Western at $4 90@$5 50, chiefly at $5 25@$5 50; round-hoop Ohio at $4 90@$5 40 for small lots and lines; very poor to very choice Minnesota Extras, plain, $5 15@$7 15; and patent at $6 50@$9 50, chiefly at $7 25@$7 90; Western trade and family Extra, Spring Wheat stock, $5 45@$7 10, chiefly at $6@$6 50; fair to very choice Western trade and family Extra, Red and Amber (Winter) Wheat stock, $5 45@$7 15; Western White do., Extras, $5 75@$8 50; St. Louis Extras, $5 75@$8 75, with very fancy do. at higher figures; Extra Genesee, $5 85@$7 ⅌ bbl....Included in the sales been 4,100 bbls. shipping stock, part City Mill, on the basis of our quotations....Southern Flour has been moderately sought after, almost wholly in a jobbing way, at about former quotations. Sales have been reported since our last of 1,070 bbls., in lots, at $4 40@$4 75 for inferior to choice Superfine; $4 90@$6 50 for very poor to choice shipping Extras; $6 60@$8 75 for ordinary to very choice trade and family Extras....Rye Flour has been more active and quoted a shade higher for the better qualities of Superfine, which were in most demand, and offered with reserve....We quote at from $4 35@$5 50 for poor to very choice Superfine. Sales, 550 bbls., chiefly at $5 30@$5 50 for Superfine, part to arrive soon....Corn-meal has been comparatively quiet, yet quoted about steady, within the range of from $3 15@$3 65 for poor to very choice Yellow Western; $3 15@$3 60 for White do.; $3 30@$3 65 for Jersey and Pennsylvania, and $3 95@$4 for Brandywine. Sales have been reported of equal to 570 bbls....Corn-meal, in bags, inactive at $1 15@$1 75, with very fancy quoted up to $1 85 ⅌ 100 lb....Buckwheat Flour has been in demand, and quoted at from $2 25@$2 70 for poor to fancy State, and $2 40@$2 70 for Pennsylvania, ⅌ 100 lb.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in moderate demand at about previous quotations for prime, which has not been offered with much urgency; poor qualities somewhat irregular. The inquiry has been mostly for export, though in part for milling. Sales have been reported since our last of 86,000 bushels, at $1 30 for very good No. 1 Minnesota Spring, car lots, (with $1 32 reported as bid for best No. 1 do., afloat;) $1 24 for prime No. 2 Minnesota Spring, in store; $1 23 for No. 2 Milwaukee Spring, in store, (for milling;) $1 08@$1 23 for ungraded Spring; $1 11@$1 13 for No. 3 Milwaukee Spring, in store and afloat; $1 (in part) for rejected Spring; $1 45 for White Michigan; $1 33@$1 35 for Amber Western; $1 25@$1 28, mostly at $1 26, for Red Western....Corn has been slow of sale, and quoted generally a shade easier in price. Export dealings limited. Sales have been reported since our last of 41,000 bushels at 76c.@76½c. for sailing vessel Mixed Western, small lots, (with 76c. reported bid for prime, afloat;) 76½c.@77c. for High Mixed and old Yellow Western; 78½c. for very choice old Yellow do., in store; 63c.@71c. for damp to very choice dry new Mixed Western; 68c., in part, for Low Mixed, (New-York inspection;) 70½c.@71c. for new Yellow Western....Included in the sales have been 4,800 bushels no grade new Mixed Western, (New-York inspection,) at 63c.@63½c. ⅌ bushel....Rye has been in limited request within the previous range; 2,000 bushels State sold at 94c.@95c. with Canada (in bond) quoted at 90c....Barley has been very quiet; strictly prime to choice held at prices much above the views of buyers, checking operations....Barley-malt has been in slack request within the previous nominal range of $1 35@$1 45 for Canada, $1 20@$1 35 for four-rowed State, (cash and time,) and $1@$1 12½ for two-rowed do....Canada Peas have been very moderately inquired for; prime in bond quoted at $1 04 ⅌ bushel; sales, 5,000 bushels reported at this price....Buckwheat in fair request, with State quoted at 66c.@67c. ⅌ bushel....Oats have been in comparatively limited demand and somewhat weaker in price, with sales reported of only 35,000 bushels at 44c.@48½c. for poor to good Mixed Western, car lots, (with 48½c. reported as bid for prime Chicago do., in store;) 47c.@51c. for White Western; 47c.@48c. for Mixed State, and 48½c.@52c. for White State, odd lots....Feed has been in fair request, in a jobbing way, within the range of $19 50@$25, as extremes, with the main dealings reported at $20@$23 ⅌ ton....Bale Hay has been in fair demand and held firmly. We quote shipping qualities within range of from 70c.@80c., and retailing qualities at $1@$1 15 ⅌ 100 lb. Clover, 65c.@75c. Salt Hay, 65c.@70c....Rye Straw has been salable and steady; quoted firm within the range of 75c.@$1 20; Oat, 65c.@75c. ⅌ 100 lb....The stock of Grain in this port to-day embraces 5,918,632 bushels Wheat, 674,313 bushels Corn, 99,907 bushels Rye, 263,949 bushels Barley, 281,766 bushels Malt, 1,189,603 bushels Oats, and 1,934 bushels Peas. The aggregate of Grain in store is 8,430,104 bushels, as against 8,469,708 bushels last Monday, and 6,719,584 bushels Dec. 21, 1874....The stock of grain afloat here is reported at 1,503,521 bushels, including 734,350 bushels Wheat, 32,600 bushels Corn, 498,741 bushels Barley, 42,000 bushels Malt, and 195,830 bushels Oats.

HIDES—Quiet but steady; sales, 6,320 Buenos Ayres, 2,600 Matamoras, 650 Dry Texas, and 500 Wet-salted Texas on private terms.

HONEY—Inactive since our last, with San Domingo, in bond, at from 71c.@73c., and Cuba at 80c.@82c., gold, ⅌ gallon.

MOLASSES—New-Orleans, new crop, has been moderately active within the range of 55c.@60c. for good to choice, and 61c.@62c. for fancy....Other kinds in slack demand, mostly in a jobbing way, on the basis of late quotations....Syrups in fair request within the range of 40c.@62c. for Sugar, chiefly at 40c.@45c. for home use, 35c.@50c. for Molasses, and 55c.@62c. for Corn.

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been in very moderate request within the range of $1 70@$1 75 for Strained to good Strained; $1 85@$2 for No. 2; $2 25@$3 25 for No. 1; $3 75@$7 for Pale to Extra Pale and Window Glass, ⅌ 280 lb.; sales, 300 bbls. No. 2 to Pale and $1 85@$4 ⅌ 280 lb....Tar has been slow of sale at $2 12½@$2 25 ⅌ bbl....City Pitch at $2@$2 12½....Spirits Turpentine has been in light demand, with merchantable, for prompt delivery, quoted at 37c. ⅌ gallon; sales, 100 bbls. at this price.

PETROLEUM—Has been held more confidently, in view of the more favorable advices from the Creek, but has been comparatively quiet. Crude quoted 7¼c. in bulk, and 10½c. in shipping order, for early delivery, on a restricted movement....Refined has been in slack demand, with early delivery quoted at 13c. Sales, 2,000 bbls....Refined in cases, 16½c.@19c....Naphtha at 8¼c.@9½c. for City....Refined Petroleum at Philadelphia, early delivery, quoted at 12½c....At Baltimore, Refined, for early delivery, at 12¼c.@12⅜c. ⅌ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been in light demand, and, though not offered freely, quoted weak in price....Sales for early delivery have been reported of 100 bbls. new Western Mess, in lots, at $21, quoted at $21@$21 25, and 50 bbls. heavy do. at $20 60....Western Prime Mess quoted at $19 50@$20; City do., $21 75@$22; Extra Prime, $15 50....And for forward delivery, Western Mess very dull, with December option quoted nominal at $21 25 asked; February option at $20 65@$20 70; March, $20 75. Sales have been 250 bbls. March option, at $20 75....Dressed Hogs less plenty and in good demand, with City quoted at 9⅛c.@9⅝c. for extra heavy to light, and Pigs 9¾c., and Western wholly nominal....Cut-meats have been in very moderate request in the local market at about steady prices....Sales have been reported of small lots Pickled Bellies, in bulk, at 10½c.@12⅛c., the latter rate for very light; and sundry small lots of City bulk stock within our range....We quote Pickled Shoulders at 8¼c.@8¾c.; Smoked Shoulders at 9¾c.@10c.; Pickled Hams at 12⅛c.@13¼c.; Smoked Hams at 13½c.@15c.; Pickled Bellies, in bulk, 10½c.@12½c.; Western Dry-salted Shoulders, in bxs., at 8⅛c. for prompt and 8¼c. for December and January deliveries, without transactions....Western Pickled Hams, in tcs., 13 lb. average, quoted at 12½c.@12⅝c....Dry-salted Short-cut Hams, in bxs., nominal at 11c.@12¼c. for heavy to light....Dry-salted Shoulders, in bxs., at 7⅛c....Bacon inactive, with City Long Clear quoted at 10⅛c.; Western Long Clear at 10⅛c.; sales, 75 bxs. City at 10⅛c., and 50,000 lb. do., in bulk, at 10⅛c.@10¼c....Western Long and Short Clear, January and February delivery, quoted at 10⅜c....And for Western delivery, Long Clear quoted at 9⅞c.@10c.; Short Clear at 10⅛c.@10¼c., and Short Rib and Cumberlands at 10⅛c.@10¼c....Western Steam Lard has been less sought after, and quoted 1-16c.@3-32c. ⅌ lb. lower, closing weak....Of Western Steam, for early delivery here, sales have been reported of 200 tcs. new at 13c....And for forward delivery, of Western Steam, sales have been made of 250 tcs., seller December, at 13c., closing with this price asked; 750 tcs., seller January, at 13c.@13 1-16c., closing at 13c.; 2,000 tcs., seller February, at 13 3-16c.@13¼c., closing at 13 3-16c., with March quoted 13 5-16c., and April quoted at 13 7-16c.@13½c....City Lard in less request, with sales reported of only 60 tcs. City, Steam and Kettle, at 13c., and small lots of No. 1 do. at 12½c. ⅌ lb....Refined Lard has been in rather more demand for export, with sales reported of 500 tcs. for the Continent at 13¼c.; and 300 tcs. for the West Indies at 12⅝c. ⅌ lb....Beef has been in moderate request, with new quoted steady at $12@$12 50 for Extra and $11@$11 50 for Plain Mess; $15 50@$16 50 for Packet ⅌ bbl.; sales, 100 bbls....And Tierce Beef thus: Prime Mess, $23; India Mess, $25; City Extra India Mess, $31 50@$32 50....Beef Hams quiet at $21 50@$29 50 for Western....Butter, Cheese, and Eggs have been moderately sought after and quoted generally unaltered as to values....Tallow in good request, with sales of 110,000 lb. very good to prime at 10¼c., with choice City quoted at 10¼c. ⅌ lb....Stearine inactive, with prime Western, in tcs., quoted at 13¼c.; choice City, in hhds., 13⅝c....Of Grease, 3,000 lb. sold at 8c. ⅌ lb.

RICE—Has been moderately active at steady prices in most instances....We quote fair to choice Carolina at $6 62½@$7 50; Louisiana at $6@$7; Rangoon, $6 37½@$6 50, currency, and $2 55@$2 65, gold, in bond; Patna at $6 75@$7, currency, free, and $4@$4 25, gold, in bond, ⅌ 100 lb.

SEEDS—Calcutta Linseed has been inactive since our last, within the previous range; quoted at $2@$2 05, gold, ⅌ bushel of 56 lb....Grass-seeds have been very sparingly offered, and have been, consequently, very quiet, and more or less nominal as to values. Prime Clover held very firmly; quoted 12¾c.@13c. for Western and 13¼c.@13½c. for State, with a fair inquiry noted, mostly from export buyers....Timothy yet wholly nominal; quoted at $2 30@$2 75, from cars and store, ⅌ bushel....Rough Flax also nominal at $1 65@$1 70 ⅌ bushel....Russian Hemp has been inactive at $1 95@$2, currency, ⅌ bushel....Canary-seed has been in moderate request at firm prices within the range of $7 75@$9 25....Rape-seed, $2 65@$3 25 ⅌ bushel.

SUGARS—Raw have been quite moderately sought after, and quoted generally lower, with sales reported of 260 hhds. Centrifugal at 8¾c., and 350 hhds. Clayed (Nos. 8 and 11) at 8c.@8⅛c. And, on Saturday evening, 725 hhds. scant, fair to good Refining Cuba at 8c.@8⅛c.; 177 hhds. Melado at 5c.@6½c.; and 348 bxs. Molasses Sugar at 7¾c. ⅌ lb....We now quote: Fair Refining Cuba at 8c.; good do. at 8¼c.; prime do. at 8⅜c.; fair to very choice Grocery, 8⅝c.@9c.; No. 12 Clayed Stock at 8⅜c.; Centrifugal Stock at 8⅜c.@9¼c.; Manila, bags, 7⅜c.@7⅞c.; Molasses Sugar, 6⅞c.@7¾c.; Melado, 4⅞c.@6½c....Refined Sugars have been in fair demand, with Crushed quoted at 10⅞c.; Powdered at 10⅞c.; Granulated at 10⅜c.; Cut Loaf at 11⅜c.; A's at 9⅞c.@10⅛c.; Yellow at 8⅛c.@9⅜c., ⅌ lb.

TEAS—Quiet, but generally held firmly at the recent improvement.

WHISKY—Steady at $1 16 on sales of 150 bbls. And of Alcohol, 50 bbls. at $2 18, free, ⅌ gallon.

FREIGHTS—A moderate inquiry prevails for room on berth, chiefly for Grain, Cotton, and Provisions, at essentially unchanged rates. Offerings of accommodation for early use comparatively limited at the ruling figures. Rather more demand has been noted for tonnage on charter, mainly for Petroleum, Grain and Cotton, with rates quoted about as before....For Liverpool, the engagements reported since our last have been, by sail, 16,000 bushels Wheat at 8d. ⅌ bushel, and, by steam, 700 bales Cotton at 7-16d. ⅌ lb.; 24,000 bushels Grain at 10d.@10½d. ⅌ bushel; small lots of Provisions at 50s. ⅌ ton; 120 bbls. Apples, reported at 5s. ⅌ bbl., and 5,000 Staves on private terms. Also, by steam from New-Orleans, (reported thence,) 1,600 bales Cotton at 11-16d. ⅌ lb. And a ship, with Cotton, from do., at ⅝d. ⅌ lb....For London, by steam, 16,000 bushels Grain, (relet room,) reported at 10¼d.@10¾d. ⅌ bushel; 350 bales Hops on private terms; quoted nominally at ¾d. ⅌ lb....For Penarth Roads and orders, a French brig, 227 tons, hence, with about 1,600 quarters Grain at 7s. 3d. ⅌ quarter....For Cork and orders, a British bark, 579 tons, hence, with about 4,000 quarters Grain, (a recharter,) at 7s. 4½d.; an Austrian bark, 760 tons, hence, with about 5,000 quarters do., (a recharter,) reported at 6s. 9d.; a Norwegian bark, 450 tons, (to arrive from St. Thomas,) with about 2,800 quarters do., from Baltimore, at 7s. 6d.; a Spanish bark, 429 tons, (to arrive from Havana,) with about 2,800 quarters do., from do., at 7s. 6d.; a bark, (to arrive from Hull,) with about 3,100 quarters do., from do., at 7s. ⅌ quarter, and a ship, 1,066 tons, with Wheat from San Francisco, reported on private terms....For Havre, a Norwegian ship, 874 tons, (to arrive,) hence, with equal to about 5,700 bbls. Crude Petroleum, rumored at 5s. 3d. ⅌ bbl., but without confirmation; and two ships, with Cotton, from New-Orleans, reported at 1¼c. ⅌ lb....For Hamburg, by steam, 500 pkgs. Lard, reported on private terms....For Rotterdam, by steam, 500 sides Leather on private terms....For Cardiff, an American schooner, 312 tons, with Lumber, from Brunswick, reported at $15....For the Mediterranean, an American brig, 391 tons, with about 2,200 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Baltimore, reported at 6s. ⅌ bbl....For Marseilles, an Italian bark, 401 tons, hence, with equal to about 2,700 bbls. Refined Petroleum, at 5s. 6d. for bbls. and 27½c. for cases, (with option of Genoa or Leghorn,) or, if for Naples, at 5s. for bbls. and 25½c. for cases, and a gratuity....For Martinique, a brig, with Lumber, from Jacksonville, at $8....For the north side of Cuba and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, 346 tons, reported at $5 for Sugar, $4 50 for Melado, and $3 for Molasses....For Cardenas, a schooner, with Box Shooks, from Portland, reported at 17c....For Havana, an American schooner, 632 tons, hence, with Empty Hogsheads, reported at $1,200; an American schooner, 336 tons, hence, with general cargo, on private terms, and a brig, 337 tons, with Lumber, from Pensacola, reported at $7 75....For Hayti, an American schooner, 140 tons, with general cargo, from Boston, reported at $800; and back with Logwood, at $4 50....For Hayti and back to Boston, a brig, 140 tons, and a schooner, 130 tons, with general cargo, at $1,550, and $1,400, respectively....For Sagua, an American schooner, about 2,000 bbls. capacity, with general cargo, from Boston, reported at $860....For Surinam and back to Boston, an American schooner, about 1,600 bbls. capacity, with general cargo, reported at $1,750....For San Francisco, an American ship, 1,208 tons, with general cargo, from Boston, at current rates; quoted at 15c.@25c. for measurement, and 25c.@40c. for heavy goods; and $25@$40 for Lumber....For Wilmington, N. C., a schooner, 228 tons, with Coal, from Philadelphia, at $1 75 ⅌ ton....For New-York, a schooner, 314 tons, with Sugar in hhds. and Molasses in bbls., from Bayou Tache, at $4 50 and $1 50; a schooner, with stone, from Cape Ann, at $1 50; a brig, with Lumber, from Jacksonville, at $8 50; and a schooner, with do., from Port Royal, at $6 50....For Boston, a schooner, hence, with Coal, at $1 95; and another, with do., from Baltimore, at $2 50 ⅌ ton.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Flour dull. Wheat dull; prices a shade lower; No. 1 Spring, $1 01½; No. 2 do., 96½c., spot; 97c., January; 98c., February; $1 06¼, May. Corn in fair demand at lower rates; No. 2, 47⅝c., spot; 47⅜c., December; 43½c., January; 42⅞c., February; Rejected, old, 41c., new, 35c. Oats in good demand, easier; No. 2, 29⅞c.@30c., spot; 29⅞c., December; 30⅛c., January. Rye steady with a good demand at 68½c. Barley dull at 86½c.@86¾c. Dressed Hogs in fair demand at lower rates, $8@$8 05. Pork dull, weak, and lower at $19 10, spot; $19 12½@$19 15, January; $19 35@$19 37½, February. Lard in fair demand and lower at $12 20@$12 22½, spot; $12 27½, January; $12 40@$12 42½, February. Bulk Meats quiet and weak; Shoulders, 7⅛c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 10½c.@10⅝c. Whisky steady and unchanged. Receipts—9,000 bbls. Flour, 59,000 bushels Wheat, 65,000 bushels Corn, 20,000 bushels Oats, 1,000 bushels Rye, 25,000 bushels Barley. Shipments—8,000 bbls. Flour, 25,000 bushels Wheat, 8,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Oats, 11,000 bushels Barley. At the afternoon call of the Board—Wheat easier at 96⅝c., January; 97⅛c., February. Corn a shade lower at 47⅜c., December. Oats weak at 29⅞c., cash. Pork weak at $19 05@$19 07½, December; $19 32½, February. Lard unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Flour dull, unchanged; Wheat dull and lower; No. 2 Red Fall, $1 40½@$1 41; No. 3 do., $1 28. Corn active but lower; No. 2 Mixed, 41¾c.@42¼c., cash; 40⅞c.@41c. January. Oats quiet and unchanged, very little demand; No. 2, 34½c. Rye quiet, unchanged. Barley quiet and unchanged. Pork dull and lower; $19 75 asked; $19 50 bid; small lots sold at $19 65. Lard dull, lower at $12 15. Bulk Meats dull, lower; Shoulders, 7⅛c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 10⅛c. and 10⅜c.; transactions very small. Bacon dull and lower; Shoulders, 9½c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12c.@12⅛c. Green Meats nominally unchanged. Whisky dull and lower at $1 11. Live Hogs dull and lower for best grades; shipping, $6 40@$6 70; packing, $6 90@$7 15. Cattle dull, tending downward; demand chiefly for stockers; fair to good Native Steers, $4 25@$5; common to medium, $3@$3 75; cows, $2 25@$3 75; good to choice Stocks, $3 50@$4 12½; common to fair, $2 50@$3; good to choice Wintered Texans, $3 50@$4; medium to fair, $2 50@$3 25; through Texans unsalable. Receipts—500 bbls. Flour, 12,000 bushels Wheat, 57,000 bushels Corn, 13,000 bushels Oats, 9,000 bushels Barley, 1,000 bushels Rye, 14,865 head Hogs, 1,600 head Cattle.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Sugar firm; common, 5¾c.@6c.; fair to fully fair, 6¼c.@7c.; prime, 7⅛c.@7¼c.; strictly prime to choice, 7⅜c.@7⅝c. Molasses firm; Centrifugal, 25c.@38c.; common, 30c.@38c.; fair 40c.@42c.; prime, 43c.@45c.; strictly prime to choice, 47c.@52c. Flour quiet; Superfine, $4; double Extra, $4 25; treble, $4 50@$5 75; choice and family, $6@$6 50. Corn-meal dull at $2 70. Corn easier at 55c.@60c. Oats quiet at 45c.@53c. Bran, 90c.@95c. Hay dull; inferior, $18@$18 50. Pork dull; new, $22. Bulk Meats dull; Shoulders, 9¼c.; Clear Rib Sides, 10½c.; Clear Sides, 11c. Bacon dull; no Shoulders here; Sides, 13⅛c.@13¾c. Hams—Sugar-cured scarce at 17½@18c.; inferior, 15c.@16c. Lard dull; only a limited jobbing demand; Tierce, 12½c. for Packers, and 13¼c.@13⅝c. for Refined; Keg, 13¾c. Coffee dull and lower; ordinary to prime, 17⅞c.@20⅝c. Whiskey dull at $1 12@$1 15 for Rectified. Exchange—New-York Sight, ¼c. discount; Sterling, $5 45@$5 46 for Commercial; $5 50@$5 50½ for Bank; Gold, 113¼@113⅜.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—Flour dull and drooping. Wheat steady, with a fair demand; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 28@$1 30. Corn steady at 48c.@49c. Oats dull at 35c.@45c. Barley quiet, unchanged. Rye quiet, but steady at 78c.@80c. Pork dull; nominally $20 25. Lard easier; Steam, 12⅜c.@12½c., closing at the inside price; Kettle, 13¼c.@13¾c. Bulk Meats dull, lower to sell: nothing doing. Bacon quiet. Shoulders 9¾c.@10c. Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12⅜c.@12½c. and 12¾c.@12⅞c. Green Meats dull, tending downward; free sellers at 7c.@10c. for Shoulders and Sides. Live Hogs dull; common Light, $6 40@$6 80; fair to good Packing, $6 90@$7 25; about 6,000 left over on Saturday; a large number unsold to-day; receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head. Whisky in good demand at full prices at $1 11. Butter quiet but steady; Western Reserve, choice, 27c.@28c.; Central Ohio do., 25c.@26c.; Medium, 20c.@24c.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Stocks in Store and Afloat—Wheat, 1,826,408 bushels; Corn, 150,172 bushels; Oats, 127,828 bushels; Barley, 120,355 bushels; Rye, 25,643 bushels; Peas, 990 bushels, and Malt, 13,204 bushels; total, 2,264,600 bushels. Receipts—Flour, 8,600 bbls.; Wheat, 21,000 bushels; Corn, 37,000 bushels; Oats, 33,000 bushels; Barley, 14,000 bushels; Rye, 2,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 8,600 bbls.; Wheat, 82,000 bushels; Corn, 57,000 bushels; Oats, 56,000 bushels; Barley, 13,500 bushels; Rye, 4,000 bushels. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat inactive and entirely nominal. Corn dull; 3,000 bushels kiln-dried sold at 62½c.; 450 bushels new, on track, at 60c. Oats inactive, retailing at 37c.@38c. Rye nominally 79c.; no demand. Barley in slight demand; no sales. Pork dull at $21 for Heavy Mess. Lard dull at 13c. Highwines nominal; no sales.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 04½; Hard do., $1 10; No. 2 do., 98⅛c., seller January, 98⅞c.; seller February, $1 00⅛; No. 3 do., 83c. Corn firmer and in fair demand; No. 2, 56c. Oats steady, with a fair demand; No. 2, 32c.@32¼c. Barley excited and higher; No. 2 Spring, $1 05; No. 3 do., 65c. Rye dull and lower; No. 1, 71½c.@72c. Provisions dull; nominally easier; Mess Pork, $19, cash and December. Lard—Prime Steam, 12¼c.; Kettle, 13c. Sweet Pickled Hams steady at 10⅛c.@11¼c. Dry-salted Shoulders, 7c., loose; Middles, 10c.@10⅛c., boxed. Receipts—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; Wheat, 99,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; Wheat, 4,000 bushels.

TOLEDO, Dec. 20.—Flour steady with a moderate demand. Wheat firmer; held higher; Extra White Michigan, $1 55; Amber Michigan, $1 18½, January, $1 19¾; February, $1 24; No. 2 Amber Michigan, $1; No. 3 Red, $1 03; Rejected, 90c. Corn dull and prices a shade lower; High Mixed, new, 48c.; December, 48¼c.; Low Mixed, 48¼c.; No. 2 White, new, 48c. no grade, new, 45c.; damaged, new, 43c. Oats dull but unchanged. Clover-seed steady with a moderate demand at $7 20. Dressed Hogs active at $8 20. Receipts—Wheat, 8,000 bushels; Corn, 37,000 bushels; Oats, 700 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; Wheat, 9,000 bushels; Corn, 34,000 bushels.

OSWEGO, Dec. 20.—Flour steady; sales, 1,200 bbls., at $7 50 for No. 1 Spring, $7 75 for Amber Winter, $8 for White Winter, and $8 25 for Double Extra. Wheat firm; No. 1 Milwaukee Club, $1 40; Extra White Michigan, $1 55. Corn quiet at 70c. Barley quiet; an offer of $1 08 was made for No. 2 Canada, but refused. Corn-meal—$30 for bolted and $29 for unbolted. Mill-feed—Shorts, $17@$18 50; Shipstuffs, $19@$21; Middlings, $25@$27.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—Wheat quiet and unchanged. Rye steady at 85c.@90c. for State and Western. Corn quiet and unchanged. Barley unchanged; sales of one car No. 2 two-rowed State at 85c. Oats weak; sales of one car No. 2 White State at 46c.; two cars do. at 47c.; two cars No. 1 Mixed State at 45c.; one car do. at Susquehanna Road at 44½c. Malt steady.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.—Flour and Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn quiet but steady; nominally unchanged. Oats quiet but firm at 37c.@39c. Rye quiet and unchanged. Provisions dull; nominally unchanged. Whisky quiet and unchanged at $1 11. Bagging quiet and unchanged.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 20.—Spirits Turpentine steady at 34c. Rosin steady at $1 40 for Strained. Tar steady at $1 60.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Dec. 20, 1875.

There was a very slow trade in live stock this forenoon without, however, any further falling off in prices, which, though low, were firmer. At Sixtieth Street Yards Beeves sold at 7¾c.@14½c. ⅌ lb., weights 5¼ to 11 cwt. At Harsimus Cove prices ranged from 8c.@15c. ⅌ lb., weights 4½ to 10½ cwt. From 55 to 63 lb. has been allowed to the cwt., net. Milch Cows sold at $50@$75 ⅌ head, Calves included. Veals and grass Calves held on sale. Sheep sold at 5c.@8c. ⅌ lb.; Lambs at 6½c.@7½c. ⅌ lb. Live Hogs sold at 7⅜c. ⅌ lb.; City dressed opened on an improved feeling at 9½c.@9¾c. ⅌ lb.; general sales at 9⅝c. ⅌ lb.

SALES.

At Sixtieth-street Yards—T. C. Eastman sold for self 115 poor Illinois Steers at 9½c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt.; 51 common Illinois Steers at 10¼c. ⅌ lb., weight 6½ cwt., scant; 30 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ⅌ lb., with $1 off ⅌ head, weight 7¼ cwt., strong; 32 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ⅌ lb., with $1 off ⅌ head, weight 7½ cwt.; 29 fair Illinois Steers at 11½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¾ cwt., strong; 26 good Illinois Steers at 12¼c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¾ cwt., scant. For J. D. Gillett the following number of choice quality Short-horn Steers, all bred and fattened in Illinois: 3 Steers, weight 5,440 lb., at 13½c. ⅌ lb., to dress 61 lb. net; 5 Steers, weight 10,240 lb., at 13½c. ⅌ lb., to dress 62 lb. net; 2 Steers, weight 3,710 lb. at 14c. ⅌ lb., to dress 60 lb. net; 6 Steers, weight 12,330 lb., at 14c. ⅌ lb., to dress 61 lb. net; 5 Steers, weight 10,300 lb., at 14c. ⅌ lb., to dress 60 lb. net; 4 Steers, weight 8,650 lb., at 14½c. ⅌ lb., to dress 62 lb. net; 6 Steers, weight 12,730 lb., at 14½c. ⅌ lb., to dress 63 lb. net; 2 Steers, weight 3,980 lb., at 14½c. ⅌ lb., to dress 63 lb. net; for A. Mann 26 fair Illinois Steers at 11¼c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ cwt.; 69 good Illinois Steers at 13c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ cwt. strong for 42 head, and 7¾ scant for 26 head. W. Thompson sold for Van Atta & Co. 101 common Indiana Steers at 10c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt.; for Rankin & Co. 28 poor Illinois Steers at 9¼c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt. T. Gilles sold for S. Sidner 26 good Ohio Steers at 12½c.@13½c. ⅌ lb., weight 9½ cwt.; 20 poor Ohio Steers at 9½c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt. A. N. Monroe sold for self 100 Colorado Steers at 7¾c. ⅌ lb., with $1 off ⅌ head, weight 5¼ cwt.; 48 common Illinois Steers at 10c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt. scant, with $1 off ⅌ head. Ulery & Cary sold for Ulery & Goff 120 Kentucky Steers, from fair to choice, from 11½c.@13c. ⅌ lb., weight 7½ cwt. strong; for Goff Brothers, 97 Kentucky Steers, from fair to good, from 11c.@12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ to 7½ cwt. Burchard & Merritt sold for Ashbrook & Green 18 poor Kentucky Steers at 9½c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt.; 64 fair Kentucky Steers at 11½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¾ cwt.; for Bedford & Kennedy, 18 Kentucky Steers from fair to good, from 11½c.@12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7½ cwt.; 64 choice Kentucky Steers at 13¾c. ⅌ lb., weight 10½ cwt. T. Wheeler sold for D. Selsor 45 choice Ohio Steers at 13c.@13½c. ⅌ lb., weight 9 cwt.; for G. Pope, 4 good State Steers at 12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 11 cwt. Hume & Elliott sold 57 Kentucky Sheep, weight 5,750 lb., at 6½c. ⅌ lb.; 184 Kentucky Sheep, weight 27,690 lb., at 8c. ⅌ lb.; 91 Wisconsin Sheep, weight 9,420 lb., at 6¾c. ⅌ lb.; 197 Wisconsin Sheep, weight 20,500 lb., at 7c. ⅌ lb.; 23 State Sheep, weight 3,140 lb., at 7½c. ⅌ lb.; 48 Kentucky Lambs, weight 4,300 lb., at 7½c. ⅌ lb. Also sold for week ending Dec. 18, 1875, 4,917 Sheep and Lambs for $34,077, average ⅌ head $7 11; 164 Veals and Calves for $1,562, average ⅌ head $9 52.

At Forty-eighth Street Yards—Hume & Elliott sold 315 Ohio Sheep, weight 24,770 lb., at 5⅝c. ⅌ lb.; 216 Ohio Sheep, weight 19,250 lb., at 8c. ⅌ lb. S. McGraw sold 2 Milch Cows at $65@$70 ⅌ head, Calves included; 34 State Sheep, weight 3,020 lb., at 5¼c. ⅌ lb.; 1 State Buck, weight 160 lb., at 5c. ⅌ lb.; 8 State Lambs, weight 480 lb., at 6¼c. ⅌ lb. J. Kirby sold 76 Sheep, weight 6,120 lb., at 5½c. ⅌ lb.; 106 Sheep, weight 8,680 lb., at $5 80 ⅌ cwt.; 161 Sheep, weight 14,890 lb., at 6¼c. ⅌ lb.; 20 Lambs, weight 1,460 lb., at 8c. ⅌ lb.

At Fortieth Street Hog Yards—T. H. Reid sold 142 Ohio Hogs, live weight 165 lb. ⅌ head, and 112 Ohio Hogs, live weight 210 lb. ⅌ head, both lots at 7⅜c. ⅌ lb.

At Harsimus Cove—Coney & McPherson sold for Dadisman & Co. 66 Kentucky Steers, from good to choice, from 12½c.@14c. ⅌ lb., weight 9½ cwt.; 46 Kentucky Steers, an uneven herd, from 8¾c.@10c.@11¼c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt.; for Wilde & Co., 14 Kentucky Steers, from common to good, from 10½c.@12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7½ cwt.; for Trusdell & Co., 13 Ohio Steers, from good to choice from 12½c.@13½c. ⅌ lb., weight 10 cwt.; for C. Berry 11 choice quality Kentucky Steers, from 14c.@15c. ⅌ lb., weight 10½ cwt.; for J. Speake, 30 Kentucky Heifers, from fair to choice, from 11c.@12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt.; for J. Enoch, 60 Ohio Steers, from fair to choice, from 11c.@12¾c. ⅌ lb., weight 8½ cwt.; for Plumber & Co., 16 Ohio Steers, from common to choice from 10¼c.@13c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt.; for Penstow & Co., 20 Ohio Cows, at 8c. ⅌ lb., weight 4½ cwt.; for Rankin & Co., 140 common Ohio Steers, at 10½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ cwt. M. Goldschmidt sold for Saddler, Havens & Co. 12 choice Indiana Steers at 12¾c.@14c. ⅌ lb., weight 9½ cwt. C. Kahn sold for Kahn & Furst 49 Kentucky Steers, from common to good, from 10c.@12⅛c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt.; for I. Brown 33 Kentucky Steers and Oxen at 9c.@11½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt.; for H. Kahn 16 fair Kentucky Steers at 11½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt. S. W. Sherman sold for S. W. Allerton 86 poor Illinois Steers at 9c.@9½c. ⅌ lb., weight 6 cwt.; 48 coarse Illinois Steers at 10c.@11c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¾ cwt. scant. The herds shipped by Morris & Waixels were sold as follows: Toffey & Sons sold 68 generally poor Illinois Steers at 9c.@10c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¼ cwt. W. C. Dudley sold 34 poor Illinois Steers at 9¾c. ⅌ lb., weight 6 cwt., scant; 15 common Illinois Steers at 10c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¾ cwt.; 49 common Illinois Steers at 10½c. ⅌ lb., weights 7 cwt., scant; 15 common Illinois Steers at 10⅜c. ⅌ lb., weight 7 cwt. F. Samuels sold 80 Illinois Steers from poor to common from 10c.@10⅞c., with $1 off ⅌ head, weights 6¼ to 6½ cwt.; 53 coarse Illinois Steers at 10½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ cwt. D. Waixel sold 13 common Illinois Steers at 10½c. ⅌ lb., weight 6¾ cwt.; 47 Illinois Steers at 10¾c., with $1 on ⅌ head, and 12c. ⅌ lb., quality generally fair; 15 fair Illinois Steers at 11½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7¼ cwt.; 15 good Illinois Steers at 12½c. ⅌ lb., weight 7½ cwt. Kase & Pidcock sold 201 Illinois Sheep, weight 19,250 lb., at 6c. ⅌ lb.; 96 Illinois Sheep, weight 8,530 lb., at 6⅜c. ⅌ lb.; 279 Illinois Sheep, weight 35,010 lb., at 7¼c. ⅌ lb.; 150 Kentucky Sheep, weight 17,640 lb., at 6⅝c. ⅌ lb.; 10 Kentucky Sheep, weight 1,560 lb., at 8c. ⅌ lb.; 202 Ohio Sheep, weight 15,620 lb., at 5⅜c. ⅌ lb.; 15 Ohio Sheep, weight 1,390 lb., at 6½c. ⅌ lb.; 15 Ohio Sheep, weight 1,040 lb., at 7¼c. ⅌ lb. Judd & Buckingham sold 100 Ohio Sheep, weight 14,640 lb., at 7⅜c. ⅌ lb.; also sold for week ending Dec. 18, 1875, 5,149 Sheep for $27,865 54—average ⅌ head, $5 40.

RECEIPTS.

Gross arrivals at Sixtieth Street Yards for week ending Dec. 20, 1875: 2,697 head of horned Cattle, 19 Cows, 400 Veals and Calves, 9,653 Sheep and Lambs. Gross arrivals at Forty-eighth Street Sheep Market for week ending Dec. 18, 1875: 8,472 Sheep and Lambs, 35 Cows, 280 Veals and Calves, 10 Beeves, 25 Yearlings. Fresh arrivals at same yards for yesterday and to-day: 2,169 Sheep and Lambs, 25 Cows, 180 Veals and Calves, 5 Beeves.

Gross arrivals at Fortieth Street Hog Yards for week ending Dec. 18, 1875: 13,742 Hogs, 612 Sheep and Lambs. Fresh arrivals at same yards for yesterday and to-day, 3,539 Hogs.

Gross arrivals at Harsimus Cove for week ending Dec. 18, 1875: 5,261 head horned Cattle, 33 Cows, 15,888 Sheep and Lambs, 12,180 Hogs. Fresh arrivals at same yards for yesterday and to-day: 1,951 horned Cattle, 17 Cows, 4,550 Sheep and Lambs, 4,250 Hogs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Cattle receipts, 28,000 head; market opened dull, but closed rather more active; one lot of fancy sold at $7; shipping Steers sold at $4 50@$6 50, and Texans at $2 75@$4 40; shipments, 1,140 head. Hogs—Receipts, 24,000 head; market dull, depressed, and 20c. lower; sales of Shippers' at $5 40@$6 50; Packers', at $6 65@$7; Bacon grades, at $6 75@$6 90, and New-England, $6 90@$7 10; shipments, 1,900 head. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000 head; market dull, but unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Cattle—The market continues dull, but prices are without material change; 2,600 head arrived and sold at 6¾c.@7⅛c. for Extra Pennsylvania and Western Steers; 5½c.@6½c. for fair to good do., and 3c.@5c. ⅌ lb. gross for common, as to quality. Sheep are without material change; 8,000 head sold at 4½c.@6½c. ⅌ lb. gross, as to condition. Hogs were dull; 4,500 head sold at $10 50@$11 50 ⅌ 100 lb. net.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 20—12:30 P. M.—Consols, 93 13-16 for money, and 93⅞ for the account. United States bonds, 1865s, old, 104. Erie Railway shares, 14; do., preferred, 29.

1:30 P. M.—Consols, 93 13-16 for money, and 93 15-16 for the account.

3:30 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £27,000.

4:30 P. M.—United States bonds, 1867s, 107.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Exchange on London, 25f. 13c. Rentes, 65f. 82½c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20—12:30 P. M.—Cotton—The market is quieter; Middling Uplands, 7d.; Middling Orleans, 7⅛d.; sales, 10,000 bales, including 2,000 bales for speculation and export; receipts, 10,600 bales, of which 4,700 were American. Cotton to arrive, weaker; sellers at Saturday night's prices.

1:30 P. M.—Cotton—Sales of Middling Uplands, regular contract, shipped November, at 6 13-16d. Provisions—Pork, 87s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. for Mess.

2:30 P. M.—Cotton—Sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, February and March delivery, at 6 13-16d.

3:30 P. M.—Cotton—Of the sales to-day 5,400 bales were American.

5 P. M.—Cotton—Sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, shipped January and February, (per sail,) at 6⅞d.; do., do., January and February delivery, at 6 13-16d. Breadstuffs—Corn, 33s. 3d.@33s. 9d. ⅌ quarter for Mixed Western.

LONDON, Dec. 20—5 P. M.—Produce—Tallow, 53s.@53s. 3d. ⅌ cwt.

Evening—Linseed-oil, 26s. ⅌ cwt. Spirits of Turpentine, 25s. 6d.@25s. 9d. ⅌ cwt.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Spanish gold, 213½@214. Exchange nominal; on the United States, 60 days, currency, 93@94 premium; short sight, 95@97 premium; 60 days, gold, 119@120 premium; short sight, 122@123 premium; on London, 146@148 premium; on Paris, 115@120 premium. Sugar nominal.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

The Washington *Chronicle* says: "There seems to be quite a decided feeling among the Democracy in favor of St. Louis as the place for holding the next National Democratic Convention. Cincinnati appears to have resigned her pretensions in favor of St. Louis. The New-Yorkers are very anxious that the convention shall be held in their city. St. Louis and New-York are to be the rival places that are being urged the most, and the choice will be made between the two. Philadelphia is very anxious to have the Republican Convention."

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ELECTIONS.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER, CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1875.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the offices of the company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, 1876. The transfer-books will be closed on the 4th inst. and reopen Jan. 6, proximo. GEO. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Fairchance Iron Company, of Fairchance, Penn., for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the company, at the office of Messrs. Perkins, Livingston, Post & Co., No. 60 Liberty st., in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1876, at 1 P. M. NEW-YORK, 20th December, 1875.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1875.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Bank for election of Directors and inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held at their banking-rooms, on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1876. Polls will be opened at 12 M. and closed at 1 P. M. ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1875.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this bank for the election of eleven Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. till 1 P. M. By order of the Board. C. N. BANTA, Cashier.

AMERICAN COAL COMPANY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD., NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS to serve the ensuing year will be held at the office, No. 119 Broadway, on THURSDAY, Dec. 30. The polls will open at 1 o'clock P. M. and close at 2 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed on the evening of the 18th, and reopen on the morning of the 31st inst. M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1875.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THIS bank for the ensuing year, and for three inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 153 Bowery, on TUESDAY, 11th day of January, 1876, from 12 to 1 o'clock. By order of the Board. GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 196 Broadway, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. G. M. HARD, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at its banking-rooms, corner of Broadway and Murray st., TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. The poll will remain open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

IRVING INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of the company, No. 157 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M. JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 33 Wall st., on TUESDAY, the 11th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. WILLIAM H. COX, Cashier.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1875.
ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M. E. WILLSON, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1875.
ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.—THE ANNUAL election for fifteen (15) Directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 682 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876, from 2 to 3 P. M. E. E. NEWELL, Cashier.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.—CASTE.—Mr. Harry Beckett, Mr. H. J. Montague, Miss Effie Germon.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge.

PARK THEATRE.—CRUCIBLE—Mr. A. O. Hall, Mr. C. T. Parsloe, Mr. J. W. Brutone, Miss Constance Leigh.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE CONNIE SOOGAH—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—LES JOCRISSES DE L'AMOUR, (French drama.)

EAGLE THEATRE.—SONGS, DANCES, DRAMA, FARCE—Mr. Josh Hart.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—HENRY V.—Mr. George Rignold, Mr. C. B. Bishop, Miss Marie Brabrook.

COLOSSEUM.—GRAND SPECTACLE DIORAMA of the Prussian Siege of Paris. Afternoon and evening.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Birch, Wambold, Backus.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—NIMBLE NIP—(Christmas Pantomime.)

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND STATUARY.

GILMORE'S GARDEN.—HEBREW CHARITY FAIR in aid of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

CHICKERING HALL.—MUSICAL SOIREE—Mr. Alfred Pease, Miss Bertha Barnet.

STEINWAY HALL.—LECTURE by Prof. R. A. Proctor—"Other Worlds than Ours."

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If the Democrats begin the present session of Congress with disorganization and ill-feeling in their own ranks, we hope it will be admitted that the Republicans are innocent of all responsibility for it. When the Democrats were in a minority all their shortcomings were excused on the ground that they had no fair chance of showing what they could do. Now they have everything their own way in the House, and what do we see? They quarrel more bitterly with each other than ever they did with their political opponents. Speaker KERR will enter upon his duties with the secret hostility of many powerful members of his own party. The State of New-York has been "left out in the cold," for although Mr. COX has been made Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, he did not want to be put there, and is certainly not a very strong man for the position. Mr. FERNANDO WOOD has been shelved, and many other Democrats who think highly of their claims upon the party have been neglected. The Committee on Pacific Railroads has a very suspicious appearance. We have discussed the subject more fully in another article, but it does not need any comment from us to increase the disaffection which exists in the Democratic ranks. Anybody can easily imagine what a scramble there would be for office if the Democrats happened to get into power next year.

How far THOMAS' plot for blowing up steam-ships may have extended we do not know, but sufficient has been made public to justify the managers of the great lines in taking extraordinary measures for the protection of passengers. There is an unfortunate tendency toward the imitation of unusual crimes, and it is not improbable that other men besides THOMAS may dream of making a fortune by false insurance on merchandise, even at the fearful sacrifice of the lives of others which THOMAS meditated. For some time to come, it would be well for the managers of the great ocean steam-ship lines to examine with some care the freight and baggage assigned to them. Passengers themselves should readily submit to a little temporary inconvenience, in order that their own safety on the ocean may be better secured. In the cases of persons well known to the shipping agents, there need be no trouble, but unknown passengers with large and questionable packages may reasonably be the objects of a little care. It may be said that it is very unlikely that dynamite or nitro-glycerine will be sent on board any steamer, but after this affair at Bremerhaven, nothing will be too monstrous for belief. We advise the managers of the Cunard, White Star, Inman, National, and other lines to keep a particularly sharp look out for some months to come. It can do no harm, even if it does no good.

The condition of the Third Avenue and People's Savings Banks is a good deal worse than was supposed at the date of their suspension. The deficiency in the accounts of the former is found by the Receiver to be $300,000 more than was shown in former statements, and the deficiency in the latter is likely to be brought up to about $100,000. In the accounts of both there seems to be evidence of very loose management and still looser inspection. The condition of both banks furnishes another illustration of how delusive is any faith in sound management based upon the names of a few respectable and responsible Trustees. It also suggests some reflections upon the questionable advantage of a system of State inspection which permits a savings bank to carry on business long after it has become hopelessly bankrupt.

It is calculated to excite some hopes of an improvement in the Spanish methods of conducting affairs in Cuba to find that Captain General VALMASEDA has resigned, because he does not like "the new rules introduced into the administration of the island by the Madrid Government." During his recent administration VALMASEDA has established no very noticeable claims to his old title of "the butcher," but he was a man under whose rule nobody looked for either common humanity in suppressing the rebellion or anything but an arrogant dictatorship in the general government of the island. His successor may be a man of less ability; he can hardly possess a character so thoroughly fitted to aggravate the existing state of anarchy in Cuba.

A PARTY IN WANT OF LEADERS.

There have been periods in our political history when a party got along very comfortably without a policy, and there have been times where the carrying out of great measures was confided to very small men. But we know of no instances on record where a party succeeded in keeping itself alive for any lengthened period with an absolute lack of either men or measures. At the very opening of the present session it became obvious that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives were hopelessly at sea in regard to the chief public questions claiming solution at their hands. Democrats came from the West and South with their pockets full of proposals for tinkering at the currency, and for frittering away the plain meaning of the solemnly-pledged promise of the nation. When the opportunity presented itself of giving a distinct party indorsement to the promise of the Syracuse platform, "steady steps toward specie payments; no step backward," there was a ludicrous exhibition of nervous haste to get the subject quietly smothered by a reference to the "appropriate committee." In fact, the Democrats felt so little confidence in their ability to openly discuss any important question without a painful show of hesitation and disagreement, that they agreed upon an extra Congressional "coaching" and "grinding" committee for the benefit of the bewildered representatives of a distracted party.

The announcement of the House Committees has not improved either the unity or the confidence of the majority. It is difficult to imagine on what principle the selection of the Chairmen of the leading committees was made. But it will strike most people as obvious that a party must be very badly provided with leaders which throws so many nobodies to the surface. The "effacement" of FERNANDO WOOD may be all very well in its way, but is Mr. MORRISON, of Illinois, a sample of the highest ability which the Democrats can show in the House of Representatives? He may be a gentleman of the highest order of parliamentary talent, only he has hitherto taken the utmost pains to conceal it. To a party which can agree upon nothing, it may be a decided advantage to be led by a man who has served through two Congresses without making a speech which anybody can remember, and whose votes on the questions which divide the party can be claimed by any side. Mr. MORRISON is "believed" to be an advocate of hard money and a "sound system of taxation;" but unless he opens his mouth a little more frequently than he has been accustomed to do, he may serve through another Congress leaving his convictions on these subjects still open to dispute.

In the arrangement of the committees there seems to be an intention to leave Eastern Democrats totally neglected, and to throw the control of public business into the hands of the West and South. Considering their very creditable performances of last year, New-England Democrats are shabbily treated. Even West Virginia gets the Chairmanship of the Committee on Commerce, while the Democratic statesmen from Connecticut, New-Hampshire, and Massachusetts are left to console themselves with the reflection that the post of honor is the private station. New-York gets a sop thrown to it in the shape of the Chairmanship of the Committee on Banking and Currency, though it may be doubted whether Mr. COX is the ideal Chairman for such a committee. He has made some very funny speeches on the currency question, which will not improbably be remembered long after heavier and graver productions on the subject are forgotten. Once he treated the question in what was supposed to be a serious manner. In January, 1874, he offered a substitute for the bill introduced in the House by the Committee on Ways and Means, fixing the status of an overissue of United States notes. The provisions of this substitute were thus summarized:

> "It declares the reissue unauthorized, and that the notes are not a legal tender, but that, having been issued and paid to the public creditors, they are a just debt, redeemable at the pleasure of the Government in legal money or convertible at the pleasure of the holder into United States bonds known as the new five per cent.; and it directs the Secretary to prepare a list of the notes, with numbers and denominations designated therein, to be supplied to each national bank, and published in one newspaper in every town of 20,000 inhabitants, and makes it the duty of such banks to stamp each note of the reissue in their possession thus: 'This note is not a legal tender.'"

This may not be a very intelligible or practicable kind of proposal, but it is a fair enough sample of the confusion of the Democratic mind on questions of currency. Disgusted as Mr. COX seems to be with his position, he occupies it in a sort of doubly representative character—one befitting the position of his party and the other that of his State. Had a political opponent designated Mr. WHITEHOUSE, of Poughkeepsie, as a proper Chairman for a Democratic Committee on the Reform of the Civil Service, it would have been regarded as a piece of rather bitter sarcasm. What meaning Mr. KERR intended the appointment to carry with it defies conjecture. It is, though for somewhat different reasons, quite as unlucky a selection as that of Mr. PROCTOR KNOTT for Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The Republicans have been denied, on one or two important committees, the representation to which their numbers entitle them. This is notably the case with regard to the Committee on Elections, where Mr. HOAR, of Massachusetts, is the sole Republican representative. If the minority have been denied equal representation in point of numbers, they have their revenge in the influence which they will wield in virtue of superior ability and more enlarged experience than most of their Democratic colleagues. It is tolerably clear that we shall have in the House of Representatives next year the experience of the last Democratic Assembly at Albany over again. The "responsible majority" will be at the mercy of a skillfully led and watchful minority. They will get entangled in parliamentary forms, in the blundering fashion of which we had an example the other day, and will be obliged to leave their adversaries to extricate them. They will have no policy, save what the minority may force upon them, and they will be equally destitute of leaders or debaters fit to cope with those on the other side. A party thus represented in Congress may be able to keep up the kind of life which is the result of political organization, but it will find it difficult to show any good reason why the people should allow themselves to be imposed on by such a simulated vitality.

THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON.

A Washington correspondent of the *World,* who is undoubtedly familiar with the subject of which he speaks, says that the number of Democratic place-hunters hanging about the House of Representatives is estimated at ten thousand. The officers of the House—Speaker, Doorkeeper, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Postmaster—have about three hundred places to give away. This seems a large number; but when we are told that an army of ten thousand men moved on Washington from every part of the Republic, with the cheerful consciousness that there was to be "a clean sweep," it does not present an encouraging picture. It is popularly supposed in the Democratic Party that the legislative department of the Government is to be reformed in the most thorough manner. By some, Congress has been called "a usurping Congress;" by others, it has been stigmatized as "partisan and sectional." All this is to be changed, and ten thousand Democrats, familiar with the doctrines enunciated in the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions, have marched upon Washington to give their personal attention to the restoration of "the Constitution as our fathers made it." It is a touching sight. Venerable Hoosiers, who have never before been out of the sight of their log-cabins, are there in butternut suits and wool hats. Gentlemen who, in the late unpleasant warfare, avoided both armies by hiding in swamps and waste places of the South, have emerged from their seclusion with patriotism in their hearts, and cotton-seed in their hair. The exile from Confederate Cross Roads has come up to assist at that cleansing of "Augean stables" of which he has heard so much, and the fine old gentleman who was so unfortunate as to be in Congress when his party was in a minority, and to be out of it now, is also there, with a cheerful alacrity to serve his country in any practicable manner.

The Democratic authority from which we have just quoted says that as the Postmaster of the House is from Alexandria, Va., that city, which is inconveniently near Washington, has been depopulated. The inhabitants have, with one consent, moved in solemn procession into the capital. The Clerk of the House, to whose subordinates is intrusted the delicate duty of examining, enrolling, and engrossing the bills which may become laws, is represented as being in a state of mind bordering on delirium. Much office-seeking has made him mad. One desperate dispenser of patronage called a mass-meeting of his petitioners, and asked them to move on him by committee. Finally, the perplexed officials agreed to hold a joint caucus for the consideration of this enormous movement. It has grown beyond the ordinary proportions of office-seeking. It cannot be managed single-handed. It must be met by a combination of forces. No wonder; it is the hungry dash of a long exiled party. The locusts of Egypt were nothing to these invaders, for they have votes, and what is worse, they have "constituencies."

Like the man who asked LINCOLN for a foreign mission, and finally, sifting down through all the grades of office-seeking, went away thankfully with a cast-off garment, these volunteers lose their fastidiousness as they grow hungry. The ex-Congressman, who, while he was in Congress, was not so conspicuous as to be remembered now, is the most facile and accommodating of office-seekers. He was a confident and beaming candidate for Clerk or Postmaster. He will cheerfully fold documents, open doors for his successor from "the deestrick," or sweep out the committee rooms with resignation. We can conceive of no earthly retribution with more poetic justice in it, than the fate of a man who has afflicted the ear of the nation with Congressional orations being reduced to fold and wheel to the mail the printed speeches of those who have succeeded him. There can be no finer revenge than this brought around by the whirligig of time. What will become of the nine thousand and seven hundred men who will be left when the three hundred places are filled? Desperate and famished, denied any share in bringing back the country to "the immortal principles of '98," they will be dangerous in Washington, and mischievous wherever they go. Their final disposition is a new burden to the Democracy.

A FOE IN THE HOUSE.

Almanac predictions for this season might properly contain the warning, "about this time expect fires from defective flues." A large number of disasters from this common cause have already been reported. One of the latest is the destruction of a private mansion, near Boston, in which many costly objects of art, books, and other household treasures, were consumed. After a few weeks of moderate, but increasingly cold weather, "the cold has got into the house," as we commonly say. The natural consequence is that the house furnace is heated seven times hotter than ever before. It is admitted that in house-building our builders and architects have apparently reached the perfection of convenience and comfort. A good modern house is cool in Summer and warm in Winter. Without an extravagant outlay of money, it has numberless conveniences for the facilitation of household work which are absolutely unknown to people who, in other lands, live in costly and sumptuous mansions. But in many matters relating to ventilation, draining, sewerage, and security from fire, we have much to learn. In house-building, as in many other departments of human activity, we look out for comfort before we consider health and security.

In many modern houses, cheap and careless building is responsible for the dangerous hot-air flues, which are such frequent causes of disasters by fire. And many old houses have been injuriously "modernized" by introducing water-pipes, gas-pipes, and hot-air conductors, where the original architect of the building never contemplated any such perilous innovations. Tin flues are led along under the pine joists of parlor floors, jammed up against laths and furring, and left to discharge hot air through floors which have no other defense from the heat than a thin stone slab around the register. In houses in which the heating apparatus is built into the walls, the flues are often put in without the least regard to safety. If the conducting flue is of brick, it is in a thin wall, the joists, lathing, and other wood-work being near enough to become charred with heat, or so dried and superheated that a chance spark forced out by the rushing air ignites it like a flash. Or a metal pipe conducts the heat from floor to floor, with the kiln-dried lumber laid close by, and carpets, plaster, and paint conceal the danger lurking in the wall and under the floors. In a costly house in a fashionable part of this City the tenant, a careful man, insisted upon taking up the flooring of his drawing-room. The under boards and joists, for a distance of four or five feet around the registers, were charred with heat. If the space between the upper and lower flooring had been invaded by a breath of air, while the furnace was roaring with heat, the flames would have been kindled at once.

Of course, there are numberless loop-holes for the escape of sparks and superheated air which may be left by careless workmen. But, for the most part, the so-called "defective" flue is put into the house with what seems to be a wilful defiance of the commonest precautions of safety. A very little forethought will make the heating apparatus of a house so safe that the householder may leave it well charged at night, and lie down to sleep as secure from danger from within as if he had no fire in the house. One of the very best appliances for isolating the hot-air flue is the hollow tile or brick now coming into very general use in house-building. By adopting this material, a double-wall, which is a non-conductor of heat, surrounds the hot-air flue, and, without occupying much space, gives a chance for cool air to circulate between the inner heated column and the wood-work of the house. Where registers are set in floor-boards, a wide space around it, above and below, should be filled in with fire-proof material of some kind. A single floor joist brought up to the hot-air flue, may be the cause of fire in the house. And tin pipes carried along under the flooring, suspended by wires, have destroyed many houses in this City and elsewhere. Within five years, two large buildings in New-York have been burned in consequence of using this dangerous expedient to save trouble and expense.

It is useless, we must suppose, to call attention to the imperfect ventilation (or no ventilation) and overheated atmosphere of a majority of our City dwellings. In most of these, the air is like that of an oven. Life is embittered and shortened by breathing the torrid and poisoned atmosphere of many houses in which much money has been lavished on convenience and luxury. But common prudence demands that each householder should look well to the dangerous foe which may lurk under his floors or behind his walls. Fire cannot long hide itself. A habit of vigilance in a household will detect the first appearance of danger, and since we must have furnace heat, and some of us demand a great deal of it, there is nothing more necessary than a frequent and careful inspection of the apparatus and the flues. Every man should know how these are placed in his own dwelling.

WAS SHELLEY MURDERED?

More than forty-three years ago the poet SHELLEY and his companion WILLIAMS, were drowned in the Mediterranean, off Leghorn. They were on board SHELLEY's yacht, the *Don Juan,* and were exposed to a sudden and violent squall, during which the yacht sank in ten fathoms of water. It has always been supposed that the loss of the vessel was an accident, but now, after the lapse of nearly half a century, we are suddenly told that SHELLEY was murdered. The story reaches the public in a very roundabout way. It is said that a dying man recently told a priest in Spezia, who told an acquaintance, who told an English family, also residing in Spezia, who told Miss TRELAWNY, who told Capt. TRELAWNY, who told Mr. W. M. ROSSETTI, who told the readers of the London *Times,* that SHELLEY's yacht was run down by a felucca, on board of which was the aforesaid dying man, who, with his comrades, imagined that Lord BYRON was on board the *Don Juan,* and who intended to rob and murder him. The felucca's crew did not intend to sink the yacht, but the latter being a frail vessel, filled and sank almost as soon as she was struck. The sunken yacht was afterward recovered and the fact that several of the timbers of her starboard quarter were broken gave rise at the time to the suspicion that she might have been run down by some other vessel, and is now recalled as furnishing evidence confirmatory of the truth of the penitent sailor's long-delayed confession.

It will be noticed that it has yet to be proved that any such confession has been made. The various links in the long chain of communication between the alleged dying man and Mr. ROSSETTI are trustworthy enough as far back as the "English family residing in Spezia." The latter, however, derived the information from a person "believed to be personally acquainted with a certain priest," and until that person's identity and veracity are more fully established, it will not do to accept as proved the existence either of the alleged priest or of his dying penitent—not to speak of the latter's reported confession. Waiving, however, all objections to the manner in which the story comes to us, we should be fully justified in rejecting it, as being at once unnecessary, and to a great extent at variance with what we know to be the real facts as to the disaster which caused the death of SHELLEY.

In the first place, SHELLEY's boat was notoriously unseaworthy. It was built under the poet's immediate direction, and was regarded by every one who saw it as an extremely ticklish craft, which required very careful management. Both Capt. MEDWIN, who was on board a vessel bound to Genoa, and Capt. ROBERTS, who was in the Leghorn light-house, with a powerful glass, saw SHELLEY's yacht just before the squall struck her, and noticed that, when the squall had passed away, the yacht was no longer visible. Capt. MEDWIN also testifies that the *Don Juan* was close-hauled under a press of sail, and the delay in shortening sail when a squall was so near at hand and so plainly visible, shows that the boat, which required the most careful management, was, at that precise time, managed with reckless carelessness.

Here was certainly sufficient cause to account for the loss of the *Don Juan* without the aid of a piratical felucca. It is, moreover, evident that if the yacht was run down, the collision must have occurred during the squall. Now, however willing the Captain and crew of any Italian felucca may have been to commit robbery and murder on the high seas, they would not have selected for such an exploit the moment when a squall of unusual violence was blowing. It is safe to say that on board whatever felucca may at that precise time have been within sight of SHELLEY's yacht, the invocation of saints was in brisk progress to the total exclusion of all thoughts of piracy. The hypothetical dying sailor, moreover, expressly states that the intention of his fellows was not to sink the yacht, but only to board her. Is it credible that any seamen, least of all the proverbially cautious Italians, who man the little feluccas of the coasting trade, would have tried so hazardous a feat as that of boarding a vessel in a fierce sirocco?

The appearance of the yacht when she was caught by grappling irons, and dragged to shore, showed that she had not capsized, but had filled and sunk without careening enough to disturb the stowage of her cargo. In other words, she was swamped by a heavy sea. In all probability, after the squall burst upon her—coming as it did from a southerly direction—she was put before the wind, with the intention of running back to the shelter of the shore. This would have brought the sea on her starboard quarter—precisely where her timbers were afterward found to be broken. Undoubtedly a heavy sea broke on her quarter, and smashing in her light frame, filled her so completely that she went to the bottom like a stone. Had the imaginary felucca attempted to board her, she would unquestionably have approached the yacht so as to bring the latter under her lee, and thus, had the alleged collison occurred, the port and not the starboard side of the yacht would have been damaged. Of course, had the intention merely been to run the yacht down, the felucca might have struck her on either side, but it will not do to accept half of the mythical sailor's confession and reject the other half of it.

In favor of the hypothesis that SHELLEY's yacht was swamped, we have the known facts as to the construction of the vessel, the existence and direction of the squall, and the probable course which those on board of her would have steerd after the squall struck her. In support of the story that she was run down, we have the alleged statement of persons whose existence is not yet proved, while there is an intrinsic improbability that any effort to board the yacht would have been made under the circumstances alleged. We may, therefore, safely dismiss the story of SHELLEY's murder as pure fiction. He was drowned because he tempted the sea in an unseaworthy yacht, carelessly managed. We need not spoil the prophetic character of the last stanza of the "Adonais," by inventing a clumsy or piratical felucca.

AMUSEMENTS.

MRS. STERLING'S CONCERT.

Mrs. Antoinette Sterling sang in a concert given at Steinway Hall, last evening, at the suggestion and with the co-operation of many friends. It is rather late in the day to deal critically with Mrs. Sterling, but as a great deal of nonsense has lately been written with intent to convince people that, unlike public performers in general, who devote their gifts and attainments to interpreting music as a means of earning a livelihood, this lady has a special art-mission to fulfill on earth and engages in the task with uncommon powers and sentiments, it may be well to say that in our judgment, Mrs. Sterling is a passable concert-singer, and nothing more. She has a remarkably fine voice, not very even, but of great compass, richness and power—*et præterea nihil.* Of culture, her performances offer slender indications. Her attack is uncertain; her command of a *crescendo* and *decrescendo* on a single note is imperfect; her execution of turns is more guttural than smooth, and her *legato* passages are one and all marred by a sort of *portamento* from tone to tone, which may sound expressive to her admirers, but which would not be borne with in a three months' pupil by any reputable teacher. The lovely character-songs by Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Raff, Mendelssohn, Liszt, and Rubinstein, which Mrs. Sterling interpreted last night, may have had, for some listeners, a profound significance, but in respect of the eloquence which the wedded text and sound can really take on—Mrs. Sterling's elocution being also singularly defective—they might as well have been delivered in the conventional monotone by *the Ghost* in "Hamlet." Those listeners who were not impressed by Mrs. Sterling's work found ample compensation for their presence at the concert in the enjoyment of several instrumental contributions by Mr. Thomas' orchestra. The overtures to "Leonora"—No. 1—and to "Euryanthe," the pretty and gaudy ballet music from Rubinstein's "Feramorz," and a happy orchestral arrangement of a prelude, choral and fugue by Bach were played by this best of bands.

"LIGHTS AND FOOTLIGHTS."

Mr. George Vandenhoff appeared last night at Chickering Hall and gave an entertainment (for we suppose that to be its correct name) called "Lights and Footlights." That it appertained altogether to matters theatrical might be readily gathered from this title, and that it should contain some agreeable reminiscences of famous actors was quite within the region of surmise. In these particulars there was no disappointment. The information which it supplied might have been brought within the compass of a very pleasant magazine article; it derived no special advantage from its method of communication, and from the abundant illustration and imitation with which it was garnished. There was infinitely too much of the *quorum pars magna fui* quality about it, nor was its egotism at all excusable by reason of the excellent company which Mr. Vandenhoff introduced to his limited auditory. It was Kean and Vandenhoff, and Vandenhoff and Vestris, and Macready and Vandenhoff, and Vandenhoff and Cushman, and Sheridan Knowles and Vandenhoff, and Vandenhoff's father, and so on up to the modern days of stage millinery and the decadence of public taste. Mr. Vandenhoff was the chief ingredient of the dramatic *olla podrida,* and in one instance he appeared like a patriarch at the head of some new genesis. When playing *Mercutio* in London, Charles Kemble had asked him into his room to recite the "Queen Mab" speech in that rôle; Charles Kemble was the father of Adelaide Kemble, the greatest *Norma* whom Mr. Vandenhoff had seen since Grisi: Adelaide Kemble married into the Sartoris family; hence, Mr. Sartoris; hence, he pleasantly reasoned Miss Nellie Grant, (Mrs. Sartoris,) and hence, possibly, President Grant. At all events, Mr. Vandenhoff stands at the top of this genealogic tree, because he played *Mercutio* at Covent Garden. His information and his critical judgment on various points are unquestionably the results of close study and wide experience. He has something to say well worth hearing concerning most of the prominent actors since the days of Edmund Kean, and, when he is not speaking too much concerning himself, he is entitled to a good deal of consideration. His judgment on Mr. Jefferson's *Rip Van Winkle* will have universal approval, and he enunciates a sentiment which every one will indorse when he deplores the early death of Robertson as that of an author who would have greatly improved the tone and quality of the modern drama. His estimate of modern plays is small indeed, nor does he seem to think that the actors of our day are at all on a level with the mighty men of forty years ago. Macready, Forrest, and Fechter are duly weighed. Mr. Gilbert receives a high tribute, but there is no word for Mr. Phelps, one of the leading actors of his time. Mr. Vandenhoff appears to think that the actors of the period are very fortunate in the days upon which they have fallen, and he is quite antagonistic to the "hotbed" products which France has given to the drama.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

The first performance of the holiday pantomime, "Nimble Nip," at the Olympic Theatre, last evening attracted a crowded house. The prologue to the pantomime proper is a sort of musical burlesque, in seven scenes, introducing *Prince Sweet-as-Sugar,* (Miss Sophie Worrell,) *Princess Ever-so-Fair,* (Miss Irene Worrell,) *Blunderbore,* a soulless ruffian, (Mr. William West,) *King Grumble-growl,* the high-tempered monarch, (Mr. G. W. H. Griffin,) and a long array of fairies, courtiers, monsters, savages, and other appropriate characters. The scenery and dialogue were not quite as brilliant as might have been expected from the programme, but, happily, the company succeeded in presenting a tolerable medley of songs and dances, interspersed with local "hits," which were undoubtedly well meant, but which fell rather flat. The children's parade, in the sixth scene, in which a score or more of little ones dressed as soldiers, an equal number attired as sailors, and a juvenile drum corps figured, was marked by a commendable degree of efficiency and precision in the manœuvres, and it would have made a decidedly favorable impression had not the smothered shrieks of command from an ill-concealed drill-master, kept the larger portion of the audience in an uninterrupted condition of merriment. The *dramatis personæ* of the pantomime consists of Mr. Bland Holt as *Clown,* Mr. William B. Cahill as *Pantaloon,* Master Martin as *Harlequin,* and Miss Ida Greenfield as *Columbine.* With the best disposition to speak kindly of the efforts of these artists, it must be confessed that neither *Pantaloon* nor *Clown* approached anything resembling an established standard of excellence. Something more than a gray beard and cap and bells are required of the former personage, and, in respect to the latter, popular prejudice demands a vast deal more of humor than Mr. Bland Holt infused into his performance last night. All this was the more plainly observable from the fact that some capital Christmas pantomimes have been given at the Olympic within the last few years, and could be brought out again with proper effort on the part of the management. The Grand Transformation Scene at the close of the entertainment was a creditable affair, and atoned, in some measure, for the season of dulness which preceded it.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.

At the Brooklyn Theatre, last evening, Mr. George Rignold commenced a one week's engagement, and appeared as *Henry V.* in the Shakespearean spectacle of that name. As we have already recorded in these columns, the play is mainly dependent for success upon the many opportunities for scenic effects which it affords. Those opportunities have been turned to excellent account by the manager of the Brooklyn Theatre. All the scenes were worth careful examination, and many of them were so elaborate and effective as to elicit loud applause. Among the latter, the tableau of the Battle of Agincourt, was particularly noticeable. Mr. Rignold, as usual, was seen to advantage in the somewhat trying rôle which he assumed, and he was efficiently supported by the company of the theatre. Miss Brabrook and Mr. Bishop claim mention for clever representations of *Rumour* and *Pistol.*

BRIEF MENTION.

Mlle. Rita's concert, at Chickering Hall, is postponed until Dec. 30.

An entertainment of a miscellaneous order will be given at Lyric Hall to-morrow evening. Mr. Arthur Sullivan's musical setting of "Box and Cox" will be sung, and divers lyric and dramatic performances will be supplied by the "Bohemian Club."

"Lohengrin" was sung at the Academy of Music, yesterday evening, by the same artists who represented Wagner's work on Wednesday last. Mr. Neuendorff announces but a few additional performances of this opera, which he has brought out very successfully as far as his decided talent and rare industry as a conductor were concerned.

OBITUARY.

FREDERICK S. STALLKNECHT.

Frederick S. Stallknecht, the well-known lawyer, and senior member of the firm of Stallknecht, Hall & McMahon, died last Saturday at his residence in this City, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. The deceased was a Dane by birth, acquiring his early education in the schools of Copenhagen. When sixteen years of age he ran away from home and came to this City, and shortly afterward entered Harvard College. He remained there only three years, and the degree of A. B., which he had not obtained at the regular course, was only conferred upon him quite recently. After leaving college he returned to this City and secured a position in the County Clerk's office, at the same time beginning the study of law in the office of E. W. Stoughton, and was admitted to the bar in 1843, and in the years succeeding gained a high reputation as a lawyer, having, it is said, a larger amount of German patronage than any other member of the profession. He was regarded as a remarkably fine linguist and of much general culture. At the late election he was one of the Tammany nominees for Judge of the Marine Court. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from his late residence.

FEATURES OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

The Senate Investigating Committee directed its attention yesterday to the management of the Department of Parks. Col. Henry G. Stebbins, the President of the Park Commission, enumerated the present force of employes. The topographical engineers he numbered at seventeen, the clerical staff at fifty-nine, and the laborers, including Police, at 700. A board of four Commissioners the witness regarded as detrimental to the proper administration of the affairs of the department, for the reason that when it is divided on any question public business is suspended. A commission of three or even one would prove efficient if imbued with an honest ambition in the direction of the work, and was not connected with any political organization. Leaving the question of number aside, a board could not possibly be an economical one if under political influence.

Mr. Davenport, having referred to the work on the Morningside and Riverside Parks, Col. Stebbins said that he always discountenanced such works, but his colleagues voted against him. He considered that contract work, when specifications could be made, was far more reliable than letting it out by the day. Relative to the cost of the museums of art and natural history, Col. Stebbins said that the original estimate amounted to $500,000, and that $250,000 were granted last year. The annual cost of maintaining the museums amounted to between twenty-five thousand and thirty thousand dollars. At the present time two-thirds of the work of laying out the newly-annexed districts is complete. The new plan of the work is to give the districts "park treatment," which consists of preserving, as far as possible, the original features and natural ornamentation. It has not met with his concurrence, or that of Gen. Green, the Supervising Engineer, both of whom think it would be more judicious to divide the districts into lots of 25 by 100 feet each.

The other witnesses examined by the committee were John W. Manning, general foreman of the department; J. B. Andrews, foreman; Patrick Connors, bricklayer, and John Foell. Their evidence was not of special importance.

AFFAIRS OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

MEETING OF THE ALDERMEN—ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—A PROPOSITION TO DEVOTE THE NEW COURT-HOUSE EXCLUSIVELY TO JUDICIAL PURPOSES.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held yesterday for the purpose of transacting unfinished business. President Lewis occupied the chair. The question of providing additional room for the Court of General Sessions was called up by Alderman Lysaght, on behalf of a majority of the Committee on County Offices, of which he is Chairman. He submitted a report in favor of giving the room now occupied by Part I. of the Marine Court, which is located over the office of the Clerk of the General Sessions, on the top story of the building, to the Court of General Sessions, and removing the Marine Court to a vacant room in the building No. 27 Chambers street. Alderman Deane, of the same committee, submitted a minority report, which recited that the rooms now occupied by the Receiver of Taxes and the Tax Commissioners are, in their judgment, best adapted for the Court of General Sessions. The report, which was signed by Mr. Deane, further states: "The undersigned have arrived at this conclusion after a personal inspection of all the rooms which could possibly be used for this purpose, after consultation with all the officials affected by the proposed location of this court, and after a careful consideration of all the interests, public and private, thereby affected." Both reports were ordered to be printed and laid over.

The board adopted a resolution directing the Committee on Railroads to make inquiry into the system of giving transfer tickets to Harlem now in use on the Third Avenue Line, and to report, if necessary, in favor of a better plan for the accommodation of the traveling public.

A communication was received from Commissioner Fitz John Porter, in relation to the application of the United American Bricklayers' Association for employment on the public works. The Commissioner, in reply, says that he sympathizes with the men; that he has no ability to employ a greater force than is now employed by his department; that the ability of his department to furnish employment has been steadily and rapidly diminished since his accession to office; that, since the charter of 1870 became a law, only such works as were then in progress by days' labor could be continued on that system, unless by special authority of the Common Council; that the public improvements made under ordinances are, by law, required to be let by contract, and that he has no control over the employment of men on such work. The Commissioner also refers to the ordinance prohibiting the paving of streets during the winter months, and to a late decision of the courts to the effect that his department has no power to build sewers without the authority of the Common Council, a power which the department had exercised. He further says that his department is now employing all the men that can be worked to advantage, as required by resolutions of the Common Council, and that he would take the greatest pleasure in aiding the Aldermen in their efforts to relieve the unemployed laborers of this City. The communication was ordered to be printed.

Alderman Gilon submitted the following preamble and resolution, providing that the new County Court-house shall be used exclusively for judicial purposes:

Whereas, Chapter 318 of the Laws of 1858 provides for the erection of a building in the City Hall Park to accommodate therein the Supreme Court, Superior Court, the Court of Common Pleas, Court of Oyer and Terminer, General and Special Sessions, Surrogate's Court, Marine Court, their various officers and chambers, Grand and Petit Juries, the Sheriff, Clerks of those courts, District Attorney, and "Law Institute;" and

Whereas, Said building, now known as the County Court-house, is occupied by officials not warranted by law to occupy the same; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on County Affairs be instructed and are hereby directed to carry out the provisions of the aforesaid law, so far as the same can be done, and also select proper offices and chambers in other public buildings for any City officials who may be affected by the appropriation of the Court-house to the purposes expressed in the law providing for its erection; and that they be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The resolution was adopted.

The ordinance authorizing Commissioner Fitz John Porter to lay new Croton mains in various portions of the City was then called up and lost for want of a three-fourths vote. A resolution providing that boulevard lamps shall be placed in front of the churches of this City, instead of those now in use, was also lost. The board then adjourned.

THE NEW BULKHEADS.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE ENGINEERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

Messrs. John Newton, Q. A. Gillmore, and W. E. Northen, the engineers appointed by the Mayor to examine the bulkhead walls at King and Canal streets, have made a preliminary report to the Dock Commissioners, of which the following are extracts:

"We have now, with the aid of divers, made thorough examinations of all the exposed faces of both bulkheads, the examination of important points being by two divers at different times, thereby checking their reports. The water has been pumped out of the caisson and the shaft at King street, and we have made a personal examination of the exterior face and centre of the wall, we have also had a shaft sunk in the centre of the Canal street wall, and have had a caisson constructed there, in which we are making trial of concrete construction under as nearly as possible the same conditions as those under which the bulkhead was made—in fact a model on a large scale of the wall itself. When the concrete shall have become sufficiently set, the caisson will be raised and the condition of the concrete can be readily examined.

We are also having experiments made of the comparative set and strength of concrete of Portland and Rosendale cements, in the position and under the circumstances obtaining in the construction of the bulkhead. All these experiments require time for the setting of the cement and are at present incomplete. We cannot therefore, at present, give a full answer to all the queries proposed, but in answer to your first interrogatory, "The facts as to the conditions of such structures together with your opinion as to their safety and durability," we would respectfully report, that, from all our examinations, we find that the mode of construction adopted, in connection with the details, appliances, and materials used, is uncertain in its results.

We have found that the component parts of the concrete have settled in layers or strata with varying proportions of cement, that the broken stone and sand are in excess at the bottom of layer and the cement at the top; that the cement has washed out and deposited itself as laitence, in combination with the soil in layers by themselves, presenting the appearance of seams between the different layers of concrete, or of pockets spaces in the concrete. Many portions of the wall we find strong, with a good set, but the faces almost invariably weak and the set imperfect, but we do not find any but the slighest settlement or delignment of the wall, nor is it probable that either of these will increase to any injurious or unsightly extent while the bulkheads remain under their present conditions without back filling, but before the earth filling is put in behind the walls, we should propose some further protection against the thrust outward of the embankment.

Whatever of weakness there may be in the present structures we think it may be remedied without any removal of structure or any large expenditure. We would propose, at any rate, to leave it as it is for the present. We do not wish to be understood as condemning as a system the method of constructing submarine masonry by passing freshly-mixed concrete through and depositing it in the water. On the contrary, it is well known that excellent work can be executed in that manner, under suitable precautions in respect to the quality of the cement used, the proportions of the cement to the coarse ingredients, the kind of apparatus employed in laying it, and the care with which it is operated. Our criticisms will be more fully set forth in our final report, and will refer to the details of the method of construction adopted for the Canal and King street sections. Our final report, which will give in full all the facts obtained in our examinations, with the result of our experiments, will be completed within the coming month. In it we will endeavor to give satisfactory answers to all the interrogations submitted to us, and we suggest that nothing be done in the mean time toward completing those portions of the walls for which the pile foundation has been wholly or partially prepared."

THE PROVIDENCE TOOL COMPANY.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 20.—Drexel, Morgan & Co., of New-York; Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, and James Y. Smith, Royal C. Taft, and Henry L. Kendall, of this city, have been invited to meet the officers of the Providence Tool Company to-morrow for the purpose of making an examination of the affairs of the company, and such recommendations to the creditors as the committee may think advisable. Henry B. Newhall, New-York representative and selling agent of the Providence Tool Company, states that the embarrassments of that company will not interfere with his business at No. 11 Warren street, but that all obligations will be met at maturity, and that the business will be continued without interruption.

CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The following are the closing official prices of mining stocks to-day: Consolidated Virginia, 399½; California, 71¼; Segregated Belcher, 86; Ophir, 48¾; Chollar, 87; Savage, new stock, 14½; Imperial, 9; Mexican, 18¾; Gould and Curry, 23¾; Best and Belcher, 58½; Hale and Norcross, 45½; Crown Point, 30; Yellow Jacket, 102½; Empire, 5½; Alpha, 17½; Belcher, 32¾; Confidence, 20; Sierra Nevada, 20¾; Exchequer, 10½; Overman, 59; Justice, 24½; Caledonia, 22.

NEW-YORK'S MILITIA.

THE FOUR REGIMENTS DISBANDED.

HOW THE REDUCTION OF THE FIRST DIVISION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED—FOUR REGIMENTS TO BE DISBANDED—APPROVAL OF MILITARY COMMANDERS—A LARGE SAVING IN RENTS.

The announcement that orders had been issued by Governor Tilden directing the disbandment of four regiments of infantry in the First Division, National Guard, caused considerable consternation among those affected. Gen. Shaler was the first to receive the order, and he at once directed his acting Assistant Adjutant General, Col. Carl Jussen, to prepare the necessary orders for carrying out the intention of the Commander-in-Chief. The movement had been accomplished so quietly that none of the commanders of the disbanded regiments had received any intimation of the action of the authorities at Albany, and in two instances public statements had been made by officers that "there was no truth in the rumors" that their regiments were to be disbanded.

Inspector General John B. Woodward, who was instrumental in causing the action of the Commander in Chief, on being interrogated by a TIMES reporter, stated that it was considered by the City authorities that the National Guard, as represented in this City, was altogether too expensive. An immense amount of money was annually expended for maintaining a number of skeleton regiments. The rents paid for some of the armories were enormous, even when compared with the amount expended for a similar purpose during the reign of the Tammany Ring, at which time the annual expenses for rents, gas, fire, &c., incurred for the First Division reached $360,000. The Inspector General consulted with Adjutant General Townsend and Gov. Tilden, and they had arrived at the unanimous conclusion that nine regiments would be ample to meet the exigencies of this City. He then carefully inspected the several regiments in order to determine the manner of reduction. There was no apparent necessity for reducing the number of brigades, as no expense was incurred by the City in maintaining the latter. It was found that the regiments containing the lowest percentage of men performing military duty were the Fifty-fifth, Col. Gilon commanding; Seventy-ninth, Col. Laing; Eighty-fourth, Col. Conkling, and Ninety-sixth, Col. Stauf, commanding. The Third Regiment Cavalry and Sixty-ninth Infantry were nearly as low, but it was decided not to disband them, as there is a large proportion of the German element in this City, who prefer to perform military duty in a cavalry organization, while the Sixty-ninth, being exclusively an Irish regiment could by a little exertion enlist a sufficient number to bring it up to the standard. The disbandment of the Ninety-sixth Regiment leaves vacant the armory in Elm street, which is the property of the City, and the Board of Aldermen will be recommended to assign that armory to the Third Regiment Cavalry.

The rents for armories incurred for the several regiments by the City at the present time are as follows: Third Regiment Cavalry, $9,000; Eighth Regiment, $36,500, (lease expires in 1881;) Ninth Regiment, $24,000, (lease expires in 1880;) Twelfth Regiment, $12,000; Twenty-second Regiment, $20,000; Fifty-fifth Regiment, $5,000; Seventy-ninth Regiment, $10,000, and Eighty-fourth Regiment, $15,000. The leases on the armories of the Fifth and Seventy-first Regiments expired last year, while those occupied by the Seventh, Eleventh, Sixty-ninth, and Ninety-sixth Regiments are the property of the City. By the disbandment of the Fifty-fifth, Seventy-ninth, and Eighty-fourth Regiments, and the transferral of the Third Regiment to City property, an annual saving of $39,000 in rent alone is gained by the City.

The apportionment of the remaining regiments to the different brigades was the subject of careful consideration, and resulted as follows: First Brigade, Gen. W. G. Ward, Fifth, Twelfth, and Twenty-second Regiments; Second Brigade, Gen. Frederick Vilmar, Ninth, Eleventh, and Seventy-first Regiments; Third Brigade, Gen. J. M. Varian, Seventh, Eighth, and Sixty-ninth Regiments. By this assignment the numerical strength of each brigade is about the same—perhaps slightly in favor of the Third Brigade. In the Second Division, Brooklyn, Gen. Woodward said there was no apparent necessity for disbanding any organization except Battery A, Artillery. This battery being composed of Germans and Irish, were continually in dispute, and as it was without an armory, it was deemed best to disband it. The annual expense to Kings County for maintaining the entire Second Division, is only $12,000, while the amount expended for rent is only $1,500, that amount being incurred for an armory for the Fifteenth Battalion Infantry. With the latter exception all of the armories are the property of Kings County. On May 1, 1876, the Fifteenth Battalion will remove to the old City Armory, corner of Henry and Cranberry streets, recently vacated by the Thirteenth Regiment, and the City of Brooklyn will thereafter actually incur no rent for buildings for the National Guard.

Major Gen. Shaler, commanding the First Division, stated that he had taken no active part in the disbandment of any portion of his command, although he could not but acknowledge that the interests of the City demanded such action. He had many personal friends among the officers of the division, and had not suggested the disbandment of any particular regiment. He had received explicit orders, however, and there was no alternative but to obey them. In relation to the evident tendency of the Second Brigade to become a German organization, he said he thought it was a question whether, after all, it was not proper to discourage any such "clanishness" in our State Militia.

Brig. Gen. Ward, commander of the First Brigade, said he was sorry to lose the Seventy-ninth Regiment, and had done all in his power to assist Col. Laing in maintaining his command. He had not, however, received any official orders.

Brig. Gen. Vilmar, commanding the Second Brigade, said that while he regretted the loss of the Fifth and Ninety-sixth Regiments, he had gained in the Ninth and Seventy-first Regiments two valuable commands, and his brigade was probably benefited by the exchange. He had lost all hope of improvement in the Eighty-fourth Regiment, although he esteemed its commander.

The necessary orders for the return of the property belonging to the State to the Ordnance Department will be promptly issued, and it is expected that the work will be completed about February.

THE CAUSES OF DISBANDMENT.

COST OF THE ARMORIES AND DRILL-ROOMS SINCE 1862—THE LAWS TOUCHING THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THIS CITY.

Under an act passed in 1862, the "Ring" Board of Supervisors took control of the armories and drill-rooms of the National Guard in this City, and, as they did in the Harlem Bridge and new Court-house matters, found in them a rich placer of stealings. From 1862 to 1870 the following appropriations were made: 1863, $50,000; 1864, $119,393 27; 1865, $125,000; 1866, $180,000; 1867, $200,000; 1868, $250,000; 1869, $350,000. These were the regular appropriations for those years, but much more money, in one form or another, was spent, the exact amount of which it would be difficult to ascertain. The amounts increased in 1870, 1871, and 1872. In May, 1873, an act was passed by the Legislature authorizing the Board of Supervisors to appoint three Commissioners for the erection or leasing of armories and drill-rooms, who were to receive no salary, and were restricted to an expenditure of not more than $500,000 in any one year. It was provided that a majority of the Commissioners could act, and that they should be liable to removal by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Governor. In pursuance of this act, Messrs. Sheridan Shook, Francis M. Bixby, and Charles Cowan were appointed Commissioners, but they successively resigned without performing any of the duties of their office, the Board of Apportionment refusing to make the appropriations which the Commissioners claimed were necessary. In April last the Legislature passed an act providing that the Board of Aldermen, by a majority vote of all the members elected, subject to the approval of the Mayor, might authorize the purchase or leasing of lands and the leasing or erection of buildings for armory or drill-room purposes. All such leases were required to be approved by the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Controller, or a majority of these officials. After the passage and approval of a resolution to erect an armory or drill-room, the Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Commissioner of Public Works, by a majority vote, were authorized and required to employ a competent architect to draw the requisite plans and specifications, to be submitted for the approval of a majority of a board composed of the Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, Commissioner of Public Works, and the commandant of the First Division of the National Guard, and, if approved, the work was to be prosecuted under the control of the Commissioner of Public Works. Little was done under this act, however, and appropriations have been so restricted as to merely cover such absolutely necessary expenditures as were imperatively required by the various organizations in the First Division. In all cases where the amount previously agreed to be paid for the lease of armories or drill-rooms has appeared to be fraudulent or excessive, payment has been refused, and in other cases where a lease has expired, the organization occupying the leased premises has continued such occupancy, under sufferance, without payment of rent, awaiting further action on the part of the City authorities.

Following are the leading facts connected with the location and rental of the armories and drill-rooms of the organizations composing the First Division of the National Guard:

The Third Regiment of Cavalry is located at Nos. 37 and 39 Bowery. The lease is at the rate of $9,000 per annum, and expired last May.

The "Separate Troop Cavalry" and the First Troop, "Washington Greys," occupy quarters in the Twelfth Regiment Armory, Broadway and Forty-fifth street.

Battery B is located in the City Armory, (City property,) corner of White and Elm sts.

Battery K is accommodated in the Twelfth Regiment Armory.

The First Battalion Infantry, which has been disbanded, was located at rooms running from No. 118 to No. 128 West Thirty-second street, which were leased at $11,000 per annum, the lease expiring on the 1st of May, 1879.

The Fifth Regiment has its armory in the building running from No. 156 to No. 160 Hester street, the lease of which has expired.

The Sixth Regiment, which has been disbanded, was located in the State Arsenal.

The Seventh Regiment occupies quarters in Tompkins Market, City property.

The Eighth Regiment's armory is in West Twenty-third street, running from No. 216 to No. 226, which was leased at $36,000 per annum, the lease expiring May 1, 1881.

The Ninth Regiment's quarters run from No. 213 to No. 227 West Twenty-sixth street; leased at $24,000, the lease expiring May 1, 1880.

The Eleventh Regiment's armory is in Centre Market, City property.

The Twelfth Regiment's armory, at the corner of Broadway and Forty-fifth street, is leased at $24,000, the lease expiring May 1, 1883.

The lease of the armory of the Twenty-second Regiment, on Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, is at the rate of $20,000, and expires on the 1st of next May.

The Fifty-fifth Regiment, which has been disbanded, had its armory at the corner of Hall place and Seventh street. The lease, which was at the rate of $5,000, expired May 1, 1874.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment is in Essex Market, City property.

The Seventy-first Regiment's armory is at the junction of Broadway and Sixth avenue. The lease was at the rate of $23,000, and expired May 1, 1874.

The Seventy-ninth Regiment occupied an armory at No. 143 West Twenty-third street, leased at $10,000, the lease expiring May 1, 1881.

The Eighty-fourth Regiment had its armory at Broadway and Fourth street; leased at $15,000, the lease expiring on the 1st of last May.

The Ninety-sixth Regiment was quartered at the City Armory, City property.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A THIEF.

THE CHIEF OF THE HIGHLAND BRIGANDS IN JAIL AT ROME—WHAT HE SAYS OF HIS OPERATIONS—HIS CONFESSION.

The exposures concerning the "Highland Brigands" in THE TIMES of Saturday last have created much interest in Central New-York. The notorious William Conroy, alias Christie, the leader of the band of burglars that has operated along the Hudson River during the past season, is now in prison in Rome, where he is being used as State's evidence against his fellow-thieves. For a long time, the band confined their exploits to the line of the Hudson River Railroad and the rich country seats along the Eastern shore, but it became too dangerous for them there, and a part of the gang went to Oneida County and plotted the robbery of the Germond property. Conroy's comrades in this successful raid were Ellis, Scott, Lumbard, Levy, Welsh, and Sweetman, the last four being residents of Utica. Conroy was afterward arrested, and his fellow-thieves deserted him. Maddened at their abandonment of him, Conroy turned State's evidence, and made a complete confession to Assistant District Attorney Barnett, of Oneida County. Through the intercession of the local authorities, Gov. Tilden was induced to restore Conroy to citizenship, that he might be used as a witness at the trial of his comrades. This done, Conroy went into the witness-box and gave such effectual testimony for the prosecution that Lombard, Leary, and Malone were each sentenced to eighteen years in the Auburn State Prison, Welsh escaping on perjured testimony. Conroy was remanded to jail to await the capture of Ellis and Scott. Two weeks ago Ellis was arrested at Cold Spring and taken to Utica. While passing Catskill he jumped from the train, with the intention of escaping. In his hurry, he sprang too far, and rolling down the embankment, was caught under a board fence, and was easily retaken. As soon as he had recovered from the effect of his fall he was arraigned in the Oneida County Court before Judge Bliss. His trial is to take place this week. A few days ago Chief of Police Dwyer, of Utica, returned from Philadelphia with Scott, who was arraigned last week, and will be tried in a day or two. Scott and Ellis have plundered the eastern part of the State for many years, and their conviction is anxiously desired by the storekeepers and householders of the river counties.

An occasional correspondent of THE TIMES visited Conroy at his cell in the Rome jail last Saturday. Being shown a copy of the TIMES of that morning, containing the two-column report of the operations of the "Highland Brigands," he became deeply interested. After reading the article through he handed the paper back to his interlocutor and admitted that the leading points of the article were correct. He said that Detective Scanlon, of the Hudson River Road, had been to see him, and he (Conroy) asked if Secretary Fish, whose house he had plotted to rob, had had anything to do with furnishing the information contained in the article. The account of the operations of Levy, the Cold Spring Receiver, interested him greatly, and he paid a high compliment to Levy's abilities as an accomplice, saying that he did not know how the Police had ever secured evidence against him. Conroy corroborated the statement of the detective in reference to Mrs. Levy's suspicions of him. With the Westchester burglary, Conroy disclaimed any connection, and asserted that he could prove he was elsewhere at the time it was committed. He admitted knowing the Levys very well. Levy himself came to Cold Spring seven or eight years ago, and opened a tailor's shop. Conroy further claimed that he was in Auburn Prison when the robbery of the Cold Spring Foundry safes was planned. He wrote to Levy for the $100 mentioned. He thought it was a shame that so sharp a fellow as Levy should have been so thoroughly taken in by the detective. When he [Conroy] knew him, Levy was not keeping a barber shop. He had a cigar shop and liquor store, as well as an oyster saloon and a clothing establishment, and his business affairs generally were managed with judgment and discretion. Levy was a man of respectable appearance, and never spoke about stealing, except to talk about what he saw in the newspapers. He had borrowed a sleigh of him [Conroy] twice during the past Winter. Conroy thought it would be a long time before they convicted him of firing at the officer in Westchester County. The story that two of the gang were lurking in the vicinity of Rome to shoot him for turning State's evidence, gave him no uneasiness. If he could be allowed to he would just as leave walk the streets every day, he said, and take the chances. Every one of the gang was in jail, so that that part of the story must be incorrect. Conroy said that burglary was a bad business, and that he was sorry he ever went into it. A man might better earn a dollar a day than take up thieving for a trade. Cold Spring, he said, was his home, and his mother and two sisters still lived there. The prisoner in conclusion stated that three of his comrades, Lombard, Leary, and Champlain, had confessed to him the robbery of the valuable Masonic jewels stolen from Col. Edwin Loomis, of Norwich, N. Y., and said that they were compelled to dispose of them in New-York at a ridiculously low figure. In fact, they thought that the owner himself would have paid more for their return than was received from the "fence" who took the plunder.

RAYMOND & CO.

Raymond & Co., clothiers, of No. 121 Fulton street, are offering a varied assortment of goods in their line, which includes everything in a man's wearing apparel, from an Ulster to a neck-stud—from a dress shirt to a gold-mounted umbrella. They have a choice assortment of smoking-jackets and dressing-gowns, smoking-caps, all varieties of neck-wear, of the newest and most fashionable color and patterns; a full line of gentlemen's underwear shirts, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, plain and initialed, silk and cambric; mufflers, gloves of all kinds, for fine and rough wear, and ready-made clothing for all classes of customers. Sack overcoats and Ulsters are in great demand now, and Raymond & Co. have some choice styles in these seasonable garments. Boys' and youth's suits, business and dress suits, and suits for children, are part of their stock in trade, and are marked at very reasonable prices. Their store is convenient for down-town purchasers, and the large and varied assortment of goods displayed in it presents a choice in articles and prices which enables customers to get exactly what they want at the price they can afford to pay.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Gen. S. C. Armstrong, of Virginia, is at the St. Denis Hotel.

Hon. Robert M. McLane, of Baltimore, is at the Windsor Hotel.

Ex-Congressman Roswell Hart, of Rochester, is at the Gilsey House.

Judge T. R. Westbrook, of the New-York Supreme Court, is at the Sturtevant House.

Capt. E. Baker, United States Army, and J. Condit Smith, of Buffalo, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Lieut. Commander Henry L. Johnson and Paymaster Arthur Burtis, United States Navy, are at the Hoffman House.

Major C. W. Howell, United States Army, and Assemblyman James Faulkner, Jr., of Dansville, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

C. B. Wright, President of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and J. D. Cameron, of Harrisburg, are at the Brevoort House.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

A GREAT CHARITABLE WORK.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S GUILD—ITS AID TO DESTITUTE FAMILIES.

The ninth annual report of the management of the St. John's Guild, for the year ending in October last, has been issued. It gives abundant evidence of the great extent of the charitable work done through this organization, now extending its aid in all parts of the City. The beneficiaries for the first year were less than six hundred; during last Winter over four thousand families or twenty thousand individuals were recipients of the charities of the Guild, and last Summer 22,830 destitute children and mothers were taken out upon the Floating Hospital. In addition to the cash receipts of the past year, 15,541 garments and several thousand dollars worth of groceries, &c., have been donated—all voluntary contributions. Besides the other relief afforded, 250,000 packages of groceries, 17,430 garments and articles of bedding, have been distributed upon the orders of the visitors. The Guild is in active co-operation with the leading charities of the City, and a carefully prepared plan for detecting impostors will be vigorously carried out during the present Winter. Twenty-two excursions were given during the Summer upon the Floating Hospital, and every exertion was made to alleviate the sufferings of the thousands of sick little ones that attended, and with most gratifying success to those who volunteered their assistance. There still remains a debt of $10,000 on the Hospital, and in order to raise funds to liquidate this amount a grand "Martha Washington Reception" is to be held on the evening of Feb. 22 next at the Academy of Music, the committee trusting to meet with even greater success than attended the "Lady Washington Reception" of last April. The cash receipts of St. John's Guild for the year ending Oct. 19, 1875, are as follows: Relief Fund, $24,781 77; Floating Hospital Fund, $17,982 94; total, $42,764 71. The disbursements amounted to $42,677 47, leaving a balance on hand at that date of only $87 24.

The Guild now makes an earnest appeal for assistance, and it is hoped that in a season like the present, when on every hand families hitherto prospering are to be found at the verge of starvation because there is no demand for labor at any price, the appeal may be promptly answered. Additional funds must be had or the good work cannot be continued as is desired. Additional volunteers are needed also to discover and investigate the great number of cases of suffering which are daily reported. Contributions of money, groceries, clothing, &c., may be sent to the office of St. John's Guild, No. 52 Varick street, care of Rev. Alvah Wiswall. A messenger will call for packages in any part of the City when desired.

THE EAST NEW-YORK TRAGEDY.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Simms at the Brooklyn Morgue upon the body of Sarah Alexander who it is alleged was murdered by P. Nathan Rubenstein, at East New-York, on Dec. 12, instant. Israel Rubenstein was the first witness, and he testified that he was in his store, No. 183 Bayard street, all day on Dec. 12. He left at 4 P. M. and went to No. 60 Ludlow street, and thence to No. 78 in the same street. He got home in the evening at between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock. The witness could not state definitely at what hour he reached his home. His son had already arrived at the house. Witness next described his son's dream as the latter related it to him, and as it has already been published. After some further questioning the witness stated that he had taken two glasses of beer during the evening, and because of that fact he could not say whether he first saw his son, P. Nathan Rubenstein, in the store or up stairs when he reached home. Lewis and Jacob Rubenstein, brothers of the suspected man, were next examined. They could not state definitely what time their brother reached home on Sunday evening, but they were positive it was before 10 o'clock. They corroborated their father's testimony as to the time when their brother left the house. Dr. Shepard, who made the post-mortem examination, testified as to the nature of the wounds that produced the death of the girl. Harry Lee, conductor of a Broadway car, testified that P. Nathan Rubenstein resembled very closely a man who had ridden with the deceased on his car on the 5:08 P. M. trip from the South Seventh street ferry on Sunday Dec. 12. The witness had previously identified positively the murdered girl. He could not swear positively to the identity of the prisoner, but he thought he was the man. Augustus Taylor and Edward Buckholdt, both of whom rode on Lee's car on the 5:08 P. M. trip from the ferry on Sunday, thought Rubenstein was the man who accompanied Sarah Alexander, but could not positively identify him. At this point Coroner Simms adjourned the inquest until to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M.

TROUBLE BREWING IN RAILWAY CIRCLES.

The arrangement made by the New-York Central with the Boston and Albany Railroad in favor of reduced freights from Boston to the West will be sure, if persevered in, to prove detrimental to the interests of this City. The freights from Boston to Chicago are now so low that a New-York merchant can make money by shipping his goods from here to Boston and thence to Chicago, but the important question to be considered is that shippers will purchase their goods in Boston instead of in this City, and although the market price in Boston will be slightly over that in New-York, the great difference in the freight rates will enable the shipper to make a handsome profit. The rates from this City to the West by the Erie, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore and Ohio Roads are, it is said, as low as can be reasonably expected, and if these roads wish to retain the traffic, they must enter into a ruinous competition with the New-York Central, and Boston and Albany lines.

A meeting of the managers of the Erie, New-York Central, and Hudson River, and Pennsylvania Railroads was held yesterday for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the existing differences in the rates of freight between Boston and New-York and the West. After some discussion it was finally determined that the managers of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada should be asked by telegraph to increase their rates, so as to make the charge on freight from Boston equal to the rates charged in New-York. In the event of a refusal on the part of the managers of the Grand Trunk, or a failure on their part to reply by to-morrow, it was decided by the New-York managers that they would on that day make a material reduction in their own rates.

THE DENTISTS IN SESSION.

The Odontological Society of New-York held its preliminary meeting yesterday evening, the regular session being to-day. The evening reunions, although not entirely divested of a business and scientific character, are, however, devoted for the most part to sociability and to the promotion of a pleasant, harmonious feeling among the members. The only papers read were "Notes from Practice," by Dr. Beers, of Montreal, an invited guest, and "Food in its Relation to the Teeth," by Dr. Shepard, of Boston, also an invited guest. The meeting took place in the house of Dr. W. H. Dwinelle, of Thirty-fourth street, and was very numerously attended. There were present from sister associations in other cities Dr. Winder, of Baltimore; Profs. Moffatt, Hawes, and Shepard, from the Hoarvard Dental School of Boston; Dr. Rogers, of London, England; Dr. Homer, of Santa Fé de Bogota, Ecuador; Dr. Southwick, from Buffalo; Prof. McQuicken, Drs. Jask, Flagg, Kingsley, Darby, and White from Philadelphia; Dr. Searle, from Springfield, Mass.; Dr. McManus, from Halifax, Nova Scotia; Drs. Cook, Jarvis, Brockway, and Merrick, from Brooklyn, and about sixty-five of the leading dentists of this City. After the two papers had been read a very pleasant supper awaited the guests, who did not leave until a late hour. The regular business session of the association will be held in the parlors of Dr. Crosby's church on Fourth avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, during which many papers of great dental importance will be read.

THE LOCATION OF THE CANAL-BOATS.

Messrs. W. H. Philips, B. W. Floyd, Franklin Edson, and L. N. Stark, a committee appointed by the Produce Exchange to confer with a committee of the Chamber of Commerce in reference to the proposed removal of the canal-boats from Coenties slip to the foot of Gansevoort street, North River, met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, and had a conference with Messrs. P. M. Spofford, George W. Blunt, and James T. Stranahan, representing the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Edson and the other members of the Produce Exchange protested strongly against the proposed removal of the canal-boats, and hoped that the Chamber of Commerce would not support such a movement. The moneyed interests were in favor of the present location, and, irrespective of this consideration, they held that this was no time for expending money for a breakwater at the foot of Gansevoort street. The committee then adjourned to to-morrow.

MR. GLADSTONE ON ITALY.

Mr. August Brentano, No. 39 Union square, has just issued an important pamphlet from the pen of Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, upon *Italy and Her Church*. This paper is reprinted from the *Church Quarterly Review*, and has an introductory notice by Rev. Dr. Hugh Miller Thompson, of Christ Church, and editor of the *Church Journal*. The subject of the pamphlet and its author will insure it a wide reading, and everybody will thank Mr. Brentano for the convenient form in which he has printed it.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Sld. Johannes, John Lorway, Constantine, Pouvert, Frits Schmidt. Arr. Dec. 3, Speedway; Dec. 18, Ivalo, Annie Bingay, Reine des Anges, Nymphen, Richard III., John L. Dimmock, Memory, Mary K. Riggs, Catherine, Ely; Dec. 19, Cainan, Risorlozione, (both in channel,) Isaac Webb, Sarah Bell, Principio, (the last two at Queenstown,) Tancook, Berger, Asto Giuseppe, Nestor, Bartolomeo Marciani, Helmestrand, Malaicol, Petunia, George Hurlbut, T. D. Marshall, City of Brooklyn, Cashmere, Hollywood. Dec. 20, Montmorency, Glide, (both at Falmouth,) Kate Davenport, (the latter at Deal,) Prima Donna, Neponset, Platon, Hattie H., Catherine, Kronos, Astrea, Fleetford, Lord Clarendon, Hermanos, August.

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At Cooper Institute, Dec. 29. Seats secured at Theatre Ticket Office, No. 114 Broadway.—*Advertisement.*

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DIED.

BENNET.—On Sunday, Dec. 19, at the residence of her son, John W. Stiles, Harlem, ELIZABETH, relict of Major Andrew H. Bennet, in the 86th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the Holy Trinity Church, Harlem, corner 125th st. and 5th av., on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 11 A. M. Train leaves 42d st. at 10:20.

BOARDMAN.—At Flushing, Long Island, Dec. 20, of diphtheria, HENRY F. BOARDMAN, aged 6 years, son of Joel and Carrie F. Boardman.

BENNETT.—On Friday, Dec. 17, MARY J., wife of Joseph S. Bennett and daughter of the late John Morss, in the 58th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 21 East 46th st., on Tuesday, the 21st of December, at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

CAVAN.—At Jersey City Heights, N. J., Dec. 19, MARY ANN CAVAN, in the 74th year of her age.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, Academy st., Jersey City Heights, N. J., Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 2 o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

COBB.—On Monday, Dec. 20, Miss SARAH B. COBB, in the 69th year of her age.

The relatives and friends and members of the First Baptist Church are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Goervey, No. 109 Macdougal st., on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

HARRIS.—On Monday, Dec. 20, at No. 45 Charlton st., ESTHER HARRIS, widow of the late Isaac Harris, in the 82d year of her age.

Notice of funeral to-morrow.

HALL.—On Friday evening, Dec. 17, OTIS T. HALL, aged 34 years, 2 months, and 24 days.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21, at 4 o'clock, at his late residence, No. 24 East 126th st. Interment on Wednesday morning at White Plains Cemetery.

HOPPER.—On Saturday, 18th inst., HETTY, widow of the late Charles Hopper, in the 73d year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., from her late residence, No. 28 Jones st.

HICKS.—In Brooklyn, suddenly, on Sunday morning, Dec. 19, ALICE G., wife of H. E. Hicks.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, at her late residence, No. 193 Park place, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2 P. M.

KENNEDY.—On Sabbath, the 19th inst., Mrs. ELIZA KENNEDY, beloved wife of Rev. James Kennedy.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 334 West 55th st., on this day, (Tuesday,) the 21st inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

LILIENTHAL.—Suddenly, at Yale College, on the evening of Dec. 17, 1875, C. HARRY, eldest son of C. H. and S. P. Lilienthal, of Yonkers.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the residence of his parents, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 3 o'clock. Trains leave Grand Central Depot at 2 P. M.; returning, leave Yonkers, 5:50 P. M.

MORAN.—Suddenly Saturday, Dec. 18, MICHAEL MORAN, in the 60th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 328 West Houston st., at 2 o'clock P. M.

☞ Troy papers please copy.

MITCHELL.—On Monday, Dec. 20, CORA BELLE, only child of Harvey and Kate L. Mitchell, aged 5 years, 2 months and 23 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 430 West 48th st., on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

OLNEY.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 19, DAVISON, youngest son of Lafayette and Cecelia M. Olney.

The funeral services will be held at the Forty-third street Methodist Episcopal Church, (near 8th av.,) on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock, and not at the house, as previously noticed. The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

PURDY.—Monday, 20th inst., of consumption, ROE, son of Melinda R. and the late Augustus Purdy, in the 21st year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Mr. E. Van Ranst, No. 131 East 16th st., on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 P. M. Remains will be taken to White Plains for interment on Thursday morning.

☞ Brooklyn papers please copy.

STALLKNECHT.—In the City of New-York, on Saturday, Dec. 18, FREDERICK S. STALLKNECHT, in the 56th year of his age.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 42 West 32d st., Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WIGHAM.—Saturday, Dec. 18, 1875, EDGAR CARTERET, only son of Thomas M. and Phebe McC. Wigham, aged 3 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend his funeral at No. 321 5th av., on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 1 o'clock P. M.

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Monday, Dec. 20, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, M. J. McKenna, Esq., Referee, William Kennelly sold two four-story brick buildings, with plot 44 by 98, on East Thirty-fourth street, south side, 335 feet west of Second avenue, for $30,250, to William B. Ogden. The only other sale made was one by R. V. Harnett, who, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, George W. Lyon, Esq., Referee, disposed of one two-story frame house, with lot 25 by 102.2, on East Seventy-eighth street, south side, 155 feet west of Second avenue, for $4,000, the property being bought by Theodore Rose, plaintiff in the legal action.

The remaining legal auctions noticed to take place were postponed as follows: Sale by William Kennelly, of house with lease of plots, on Eleventh avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, adjourned to Jan. 10; sale by R. V. Harnett, of house, with four lots, on Madison avenue, corner Seventy-seventh street, adjourned to Dec. 27; and the sale by Steele & Carter, of house, with lot, No. 220 West Twenty-fifth street, West of Seventh avenue, adjourned sine die.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales, all at the Exchange, are as follows:

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of house and lot, 21.1 by 100.5, on East Forty-third street, 100 feet west of Second avenue. Also, a similar sale, same Referee, of a plot of land, 302.11 by 183.4 by 230.5, on Prescott avenue, south-west corner of Nichols place, known as lots Nos. 479 to 486, part 3 of the Dyckman estate. Also, four lots on Nichols place, south side, adjoining above, known as lots Nos. 477, 478, 487, and 488, of the same estate.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Elliot Sandford, Esq., Referee, of house, with lot 24 by 98.9, on West Twenty-sixth street, 120 feet east of Seventh avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, an undivided half part of house, with plot of land 75 by 25, Nos. 130 and 138½ Mulberry street, north-east corner of Hester street. Also, a similar sale, Martin L. Townsend, Esq., Referee, of house, with lot 25.10 by 100, on Avenue A, west side, 51.8 feet north of Thirteenth street.

By A. H. Nicolay & Co., Executor's sale of one two-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 20 by 102.2, No. 345 East Eighty-fourth street, north side, 160 feet west of First avenue.

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Delancey st., same property, (½ part of;) Edward F. Hassey to Conrad Schwarzfarber	2,000
79th st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 3d av., 120x102.2; Henry E. Woodward (Referee) to Israel B. Brice	30,000
Academy st., 137.8 ft. n. of Vermilyea av., irregular; Philip Stiner and wife to Isaac Sommer	1,500
42d st., s. s., 455 ft. w. of 10th av., 19.7x98.9; Mary E. Seamen to Mary Spearing	12,750
138th st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of 6th av., 275x99.11; Saul J. Levy and wife to Siegmund T. Meyer	nom.
27th st., n. s., 109.10 ft. w. of 7th av., 16.8x98.9; David Lindo to Isaac Lindo	9,500
47th st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of 9th av., 25x100.5; same to same	10,000
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COOK.—BY A STEADY, RELIABLE WOMAN AS first-class cook; understands cooking in all its branches, including boning and larding; private family or boarding-house, City or country; best City reference. Call at No. 203 West 27th st., near 7th av.

COOK — CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY TWO girls; one as good family plain cook; the other as first-class laundress; willing to assist with chamber-work; both willing and obliging; excellent references. Can be seen at present employer's, No. 60 West 51st st.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—BY A TIDY, COMPETENT, industrious girl; is a good cook and first-class washer and ironer; has very good City reference. Call or address 951 6th av., second door above 53d st.

COOK.—A LADY WISHES WORK FOR A WOMAN as excellent cook for dinners or suppers; will also cook by the week or day to fill any temporary vacancy. Apply at No. 24 West 17th st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A RESPECTABLE young woman in a private family; best City references. Call at No. 563 3d av., between 37th and 38th sts., for two days.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE young woman as excellent cook and first-class laundress; willing and obliging; six years' reference. Call at No. 208 West 35th st., for two days.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook; expert at French and English cooking in every branch; good baker and pastry cook; excellent City reference. Call at No. 489 7th av.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK; IS WILLING to assist in washing and ironing; ask for Ellen. Call at No. 403 West 29th st., St. John's Guild.

DRESS-MAKER.—BY THE DAY, OR WOULD take work to her own home; can cut, fit, and trim; has the monthly fashions. Call at No. 212 West 37th st.

DRESS-MAKER. — A COMPETENT DRESS-maker wants work in private families; thoroughly understands fitting ladies' and children's suits; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Call at No. 156 West 18th st.

HOUSEKEEPER. — A WIDOW LADY ACCUSTOMED to have her own house would like to take charge of a household; she is considered a most excellent housekeeper, and refers to some of the best families in New-York; would not object to superintend the cooking, and, in fact, make herself very useful, if she could meet with people who would appreciate her and treat her kindly. Address Mrs. A. E. M., No. 16 West 14th st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A STRONG, WILLING, competent girl with good City reference; City or country. Call or address No. 951 6th av., second door above 53d st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A WILLING SWEDISH young girl, who is a good cook; makes good bread and biscuit; is also a good washer and ironer, and willing to make herself generally useful; has good recommendations; City or country. Call at No. 366 6th av., near 23d st.

HOUSEWORK.—A PROTESTANT GIRL FOR general housework; wages not so much of an object as a good home; good reference. No. 109 West 41st st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A WELL-RECOMMENDED Swedish woman, for City or country, to do general house-work; will go for reduced wages. Call at J. Morison's, corner 11th st. and 6th av. Notice name and address; don't go in the wrong place.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WIDOW woman to do general house-work where she can have her daughter, twelve years old, with her; seven years' City reference; will take small wages. Call at No. 211 West 16th st., near 7th av.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL house-work; can wash and iron; first-class reference from her present employer. Call or address No. 1,027 3d av.

HOUSE-WORK, CHAMBER-MAID, OR TO Mind Children.—By a young girl in a private family; a good home more an object than wages. Call or address K. R., 277 Houston st., corner of Hudson st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A PROTESTANT GERMAN girl for general house-work; City or country. Call at No. 277 Bowery.

HOUSE-WORK.—AS GENERAL HOUSE-WORKER in a small family; strong and willing. Ask for Catharine, at St. John's Guild, No. 403 West 29th st.

LADY'S MAID, &c.—BY A GERMAN PERSON, speaking French and English, as lady's maid or nurse for growing children; is a good seamstress and hair-dresser; City reference. Call at 232 West 41st st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE COLORED woman as laundress in a private family or boarding-house; thoroughly understands her business, and is willing to make herself generally useful. Can be seen at No. 543 6th av., second floor.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN AS LAUNDRESS; can do up all kinds of laces; can do fluting; excellent city reference. No. 109 West 41st st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS, willing to assist; City or country; first-class City reference. Ask for Mary, No. 403 West 29th st., St. John's Guild.

LAUNDRESS.—AS FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS, OR as chamber-maid and fine laundress, by a neat and very competent girl, with excellent City references. Call or address 951 6th av., second door above 53d st.

LAUNDRESS AND CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A respectable girl; a good worker; a splendid washer. Can be engaged at No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts., first floor.

NURSE.—BY A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT nurse, (French) with City references; speaks English; is a good seamstress. Can be engaged at Jacquin's French and German Bureau, No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts.

NURSE.—BY A FRENCH NURSE LATELY ARRIVED in the country; served in that capacity in Europe, and can furnish the best references; begins to be familiar with the language. Can be seen at No. 458 4th st., near 31st st.

NURSE.—BY A FIRST-CLASS INFANT'S NURSE; one highly recommended by her lady employer as a neat, faithful, and efficient person; willing to assist with anything compatible with her duties. May be seen at No. 458 4th av., near 31st st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG AMERICAN GIRL AS nurse; would like to travel; to go South or to California; unexceptionable reference. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT FRENCH person as nurse to growing children; good City references. Apply at 1,233 Broadway, French Office.

NURSERY GOVERNESS. — BY A YOUNG Parisian nursery governess, or as useful lady's companion; speaks German well; is a capable seamstress; good reference. Address French Milliner, No. 182 6th av., between 12th and 13th sts., second floor.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE MARRIED WOMAN as wet nurse; baby five weeks old; best City references. Call from 10 to 2, at No. 131 West 28th st., first floor, back room.

NURSE.—BY A CHRISTIAN YOUNG WOMAN AS nurse and seamstress, or nurse to an invalid lady; has good City references. Call or address No. 126 Leonard st., first floor, front.

NURSE.—BY A COMPETENT FRENCH NURSE; can sew and would make herself useful. Can be seen at No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts., first floor.

NURSE.—CAN TAKE FULL CARE OF A BABY; best City reference can be given. Call or address E. M., No. 163 East 32d st., on Monday and Tuesday.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE MARRIED YOUNG healthy woman as wet nurse, with full breast of milk; best of doctor's reference. Address No. 713 7th av., between 48th and 49th sts.

WAITRESS, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman as first-class waitress, who understands the course of diners and wines equal to a man; has lived thirteen years with one of the best families of the City; best of testimonials. Call or address No. 309 West 42d st., near 8th av., in the candy store.

WAITRESS AND CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A neat and competent young girl as waitress and chamber-maid; two years' City references. Address Waitress, Box No. 265 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

WAITRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS WAITRESS, capable of taking the place of a man; young, smart, tidy, of best appearance; she will furnish the very best references. Can be seen at No. 458 4th av., near 31st st.

WAITRESS.—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG GIRL as waitress or chamber-maid. Call at No. 206 West 27th st., between 7th and 8th avs., first floor, back.

WASHING.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN SOLICITS washing and ironing at her own home, or will go out by the day; satisfactory references. Call at No. 234 West 28th st.

WASHING WANTED.—BY A FIRST-CLASS laundress at home. Apply at No. 298 East 20th st., top floor.

MALES.

A BANKER'S CASHIER, WELL ACQUAINTED with the business, and speaking French, desires a position from Jan. 1, when present engagement expires; refers to present employers and others. Address W. A. CAREW, Box No. 183 *Times* Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man; understands care and management of horses; is a careful City driver; strictly temperate; willing and obliging; understands hot air and steam furnaces; best City reference given from present employer. Address T. G., Box No. 225 *Times* Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man who thoroughly understands the proper care and treatment of horses and carriages; excellent driver; obliging and willing to be useful; best City and country reference. Call or address L. K., No. 47 East 52d st.

COACHMAN.—BY A GENTLEMAN FOR HIS coachman, who has been in his employ for six years; he is a thorough horseman; I will give all satisfaction to any one that will call on me. Address D. S. L., Box No. 221 *Times* Office.

COACHMAN.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COLORED coachman; thoroughly understands his business; careful driver; willing to be generally useful; reference from last employer; moderate wages. Call or address E. D., No. 150 West 32d st., private stable.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE MAN; IS A good four-in-hand driver; is a first-class groom; no objections to the country; salary no object; five years' good reference. Call at Brewster & Co.'s, No. 84 5th av., for two days.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE ENGLISHMAN as coachman; thoroughly understands the care and management of horses; willing to make himself useful; country preferred; good references. Address W. B., No. 38 West 26th st.

COACHMAN.—BY A SINGLE MAN OF LONG experience at the business; has the highest recommendations from families in this City. Address J. C., Box 275 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COACHMAN OR GROOM.—BY A YOUNG MAN, Protestant; understands his business; can milk, tend furnace, and willing to make himself useful; low wages; best City references. Address M. M., Box No. 328 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COACHMAN.—BY A GENTLEMAN FOR HIS coachman, whom he can highly recommend. Address J. B. T., Box No. 3,158 Post Office.

GROOM.—BY A THOROUGH FIRST-CLASS GROOM; honest, sober, and industrious; understands his business in every particular; is willing to make himself generally useful; two years' best City reference from last place. Call or address Groom, No. 137 West 38th st.

NURSE.—AN ENGLISHMAN, ACCUSTOMED TO traveling desires a position with a family going South or to Europe; would take care of an invalid; first-class reference. Address A. B. C., Box No. 302 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

VALET AND NURSE.—BY AN EXPERIENCED Englishman; doctor's certificate; highest City reference. Address B. L. D., Box. No. 296 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

WAITER.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG ENGLISH Protestant man; wishes a situation as waiter in a private family; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; has been personally recommended by his former employer; has excellent City reference. Apply at Bedell's, No. 340 4th av.

WAITER.—BY A YOUNG MAN AS FIRST-CLASS waiter in a private family; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; fifteen years' best City references. Address J. S., Box No. 277 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

WAITER.—BY A RESPECTABLE MAN, AS FIRST-class waiter in a private family; has ten years' reference from last place. Address M. K., Box No. 304 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE-work; must be a good plain cook and good washer and ironer; neat and willing to assist in taking care of a baby; wages $12; small family; to such a one with good reference a good home is offered; must be a Protestant, German or Swede preferred. Apply at No. 75 Hewes st., Williamsburg.

WANTED—NEAR-BY, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN Salesmen, in a first-class jobbing hat house. Address New-York Post Office Box No. 1,833.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT WOMAN TO COOK, wash, and iron. Apply this day, (Tuesday,) from 9 to 11 A. M., at No. 52 West 25th st.

WANTED—A RELIABLE, MIDDLE-AGED PERSON for chamber-work. Apply at No. 208 East 13th st.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF CONSOL. STATE BONDS.
STATE OF LOUISIANA,
AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
NEW-ORLEANS,
DEC. 9, 1875.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with a resolution, adopted by the Board of Liquidation, the interest Coupons, on New Consol Bonds, maturing on the 1st of January, prox., will be paid, without rebate, at the Louisiana National Bank in this City, and at the banking-house of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., in New-York, on and after the 15th of December, inst.
CHARLES CLINTON, Auditor.

JERSEY CITY BONDS.
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 14, 1875.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, until Thursday the 23d inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the purchase of the whole or any part of $300,000 of Jersey City Seven Per Cent. Bonds, either coupon or registered, payable in thirty years from July 3, 1876, interest payable semi-annually, viz., Jan. 1 and July 1 in each year.

These bonds are authorized by an act of the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, passed March 31, 1871. The credit and the whole property of the city are pledged for their payment, and they are free from taxation in this State.

They are issued to pay a like amount falling due on Jan. 1, 1876—and are not to increase the bonded debt of the city.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids if not considered for the best interest of the city to accept them.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Jersey City Bonds," and addressed to
I. I. VAN DER BEEK,
President Board of Finance and Taxation,
or T. C. BROWN, Chairman Finance Committee.
ISAAC MORRIS, JR., Treas. Clerk.

PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, (OF MISSOURI.)—The transfer-books are to be closed on FRIDAY, the 24th inst. It is important that each stockholder should have his stock in his own name, or in the name of a friend. The stockholders meet on the 28th. Every stockholder should be present in person or by proxy. The Directors at that meeting promise to tell what they have done with the earnings of the company, and with the proceeds of the increased mortgages and the unfunded debt which they have created.

Proxies can be had at No. 25 William st., or can be sent to either of the undersigned.
N. A. COWDREY,
PETER MARIE,
WM. H. MORRELL,
JOHN T. DENNY,
F. A. OTIS,
GEO. R. FEARING,
JACOB CROMWELL,
Committee of Stockholders.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD, (OF MISSOURI,)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15, 1875.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Pacific Railroad (of Missouri) will be held at No. 3 Broad st., in the City of New-York, on Tuesday, 28th December inst., at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books, both here and in New-York, will be closed on Friday, the 24th inst., at noon.
SAMUEL HAYS, President.

Every stockholder of the Missouri Pacific Railroad who desires honest information relative to the condition of this property and its relations to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad is earnestly and respectfully requested to be present.
A. PEIRCE,
President Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.

WOOD & DAVIS,
BANKERS,
NO. 31 PINE ST., NEW-YORK.
GOVERNMENT BONDS; STATE, MUNICIPAL,
RAILROAD SECURITIES, AND GOLD,
BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.
C. D. WOOD. S. D. DAVIS.

OFFICE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 51 WALL ST., CORNER WILLIAM ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1875.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year prior to the 1st of January next are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW RAILWAY COMPANY.—First mortgage bondholders of both Eastern and Western Divisions, desiring to join in proceedings to be taken for the protection of their interests, are requested to address the undersigned, care of JACQUELIN & DE COPPET BROS., No. 19 New st., New-York.
R. C. MARTIN,
H. DE COPPET,
JOHN S. BARNES,
Bondholders' Committee.

WANTED.
CALLAWAY COUNTY, MISSOURI, BONDS,
CHARITON COUNTY, MISSOURI, BONDS.
CLARK COUNTY, MISSOURI, BONDS.
DAVIESS COUNTY, MISSOURI, BONDS.
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NO. 43 PINE ST., NEW-YORK.

THE MARIPOSA LAND AND MINING COMPANY,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, NOS. 9 AND 11 NASSAU ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1875.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have levied an assessment of $1 per share on the preferred and common stock, payable at this office on or before Dec. 31.
MORRIS H. SMITH,
Assistant Secretary.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD.
Holders of the first mortgage or six per cent. bonds, by calling or sending their address to the office of Perkins, Livingston, Post & Co., No. 59 Liberty st., can obtain a copy of the comments of this committee upon the plan of organization issued by Messrs. Fisk & Hatch and others in the interest of the second mortgage (or seven per cent.) bondholders.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE INDIANAPOLIS, Bloomington and Western Extension First Mortgage Bondholders will be held at No. 20 Nassau st., Room No. 1, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, at 1 o'clock P. M., to hear report of the committee.
SUMNER R. STONE, Chairman.

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BLACK SILK SUITS at $40, $50, $55, and $65.
FINER GOODS IN RICH MATERIAL, AND HANDSOMELY TRIMMED, AT $105 AND UPWARD.
Colored SILK SUITS, at $50, $65, $73, $78, and very stylish at $83.
POLONAISES closing out from $3 50 to $20.
CAMEL HAIR CLOTH JACKETS and overskirts from $8 to $25.
LADIES' PLAID all wool FLANNEL WRAPPERS, Silk and Satin trimmed, at $6 50.
The same with Robe front at $9 75.
PLAIN OPERA FLANNEL WRAPPER, Satin Robe front, at $8 75.
SAME SILK AND SATIN TRIMMED, at $6 50 to $8 50.
BLACK AND COLORED CASHMERE WRAPPER, Silk trimmed, at $8 50, and Robe front, $11.
BLACK ALPACA WRAPPER, Silk trimmed, at $4 35.
A few imported Jackets and Overskirts at less than half original cost.
CHILDREN'S SUITS IN GREAT VARIETY OF MATERIAL AND STYLE, TASTEFULLY MADE, AT PROPORTIONATELY LOW PRICES.

LADIES' CLOAKS AND SACQUES in plain beavers and rough cloths, warm and comfortable garments, in handsome styles, at $5, $8, $9, $10, $12, $15 to $20.
CHEAPER THAN EVER BEFORE OFFERED.
Also, handsomely trimmed Cloaks from $20 upward.
Elegant VELVET CLOAKS from $45 upward.
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in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.
Fast-color AMERICAN PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.
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Fur-lined SILK SACQUES, very elegant, at $50, $65, and $75.
Fur-lined SILK CIRCULARS, 52 inch, at $110.
ELEGANT SEAL SACQUES at $90, $100, $110, and $125.
SEAL SETS, MUFF and BOA, at $18, $20, and $25.
SEAL CAPS, beautiful goods, at $6 to $15.
SEAL GLOVES at $10 to $12 50.
FULL LINES OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FURS IN ALL THE DESIRABLE KINDS, OF THE VERY BEST MATERIALS AND MAKES, AT SUCH REDUCTIONS IN PRICES AS WILL COMMEND THEM AT ONCE TO THOSE DESIRING TO PURCHASE, AFFORDING AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT A LITTLE EXPENSE.
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DIVIDENDS.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—A dividend of Two per Cent. on the capital stock of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be paid on and after Jan. 1, 1876, to stockholders of record Dec. 20.

New-York stockholders will be paid at the office of the Union Trust Company, New-York, and Boston stockholders at the office of the company, No. 44 Equitable Building.

The stock books will be closed Dec. 20, and reopened Jan. 3.
E. H. ROLLINS, Treasurer.
BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1875.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, HARLEM DIVISION,
GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. UPON the capital stock of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company will be paid by the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, lessee, (under the provisions of the contract between the two companies,) at this office, on the 3d day of January next.

The transfer books will close at 3 P. M., Dec. 18, 1875, and open at 10 A. M., Jan. 4, 1876.
C. VANDERBILT, JR., Treasurer.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1875.

DIVIDEND NO. 35.

The Board of Directors have declared a Quarterly Dividend of Two per Cent. on the capital stock of this company from the net earnings of the three months ending Dec. 31 inst., payable at the office of the Treasurer, on and after the 15th day of January next, to shareholders of record on the 20th day of December. The transfer-books will be closed at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th inst., and will be reopened on the morning of the 17th of January.
WILLIAM ORTON, President.

OFFICE OF THE UNION MINING COMPANY OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, MD.,
No. 71 BROADWAY, ROOM NO. 47,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THIS DAY declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent. on the capital stock of the company, payable at this office on and after 3d January prox.

Transfer book will be closed from 23d to 31st inst., both inclusive.
J. P. HEWITT, Secretary.

SAFEGUARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 152 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1875.

THE USUAL SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. and EXTRA DIVIDEND of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. is this day declared, payable on 3d January next.
JAMES YEARANCE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BUFFALO, NEW-YORK, AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD COMPANY,
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1875.

THE JANUARY INTEREST OF THE FIRST mortgage coupon bonds and the second mortgage registered bonds of this company will be paid on and after the 3d proximo at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange place, New-York.

The transfer books of the second mortgage bonds will be closed at 2 o'clock P. M. on the 20th instant, and reopen on the 3d January proximo.
H. L. LYMAN, Treasurer.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Four (4) per cent., payable, free of tax, on and after the third day of January next, until which date the transfer books will remain closed.
A. S. APGAR, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 18, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. OUT of the earnings of the last six months, free of all taxes, has this day been declared by this bank, payable on the 1st day of January next. The transfer-books will remain closed from the 20th inst. to the 1st prox.
E. H. PERKINS, JR., Cashier.

OFFICE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—Holders of coupons due Jan. 1, 1876, can send them in for examination, and checks in payment will be ready for delivery on the morning of the 31st inst. for all coupons received on or before the 30th.
FRANCIS H. TOWS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF WELLS-FARGO & CO.,
No. 65 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1875.

THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FOUR PER CENT. has been declared by the Directors of this company, payable Jan. 15, 1876, at our office as above.

The transfer-books will be closed Jan. 5 at 2 P. M., and reopened Jan. 17.
THEO. F. WOOD, Assistant Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 1, 1875.

THE INTEREST ON ILLINOIS STATE bonds, due the first Monday of January, 1876, will be paid at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York City, from the 3d to the 20th of January, inclusive.
THOS. S. RIDGEWAY,
State Treasurer.

THE ORIENTAL BANK.
WASHINGTON A. HALL, President. HENRY T. CHAPMAN, JR., Cashier.

The usual Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent. has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1875.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., FREE of tax, has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876, until which date the transfer-books will remain closed.
L. JEWETT, JR., Cashier.

DRY GOODS.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

A. T. Stewat & Co.

HAVE OPENED TEN CASES
PARIS BON BONS
IN RICH SATIN SACKS AND ELEGANT BOXES, JUST RECEIVED.

TWENTY CASES
PARIS FANCY GOODS,
CONSISTING OF
GUERLAIN, LUBIN, AND VIOLET CELEBRATED SOAPS, PERFUMERY, AND EXTRACTS.
OPERA GLASSES VERY CHOICE.
FANS VERY ELEGANT.
BRONZES IN EVERY VARIETY,
TOILET SETS VERY RICH; DRESSING CASES,
RUSSIA LEATHER GOODS, &c., &c.
ABOUT HALF COST OF IMPORTATION.
EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.

GENTLEMEN'S NECKWEAR, SHIRTS,
COLLARS, STAR BRAND UNDERWEAR,
DRESSING GOWNS, SMOKING JACKETS,
ENGLISH SILK UMBRELLAS,
THE LATEST PARIS AND LONDON STYLES.

CHOICE NOVELTIES IN
LACES AND LACE BOWS
JUST RECEIVED.

ALSO A VERY EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF OTHER NOVELTIES, SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR
HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

A VISIT OF INSPECTION WILL AMPLY REPAY.

BROADWAY, 4TH AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A. T. Stewart & Co.

Have OPENED a LARGE INVOICE of FANCY
PLAID AND STRIPED SILKS.
PRICE, 75c. and $1 per yard; good value, $1 and $1 50.

LYONS BLACK SILKS,
PRICE, $1 50, $1 75, and $2 per yard; good value, $2, $2 25, and $2 50 per yard.

COLORED FAILLE SILKS,
HEAVY AND WIDE; PRICE, $1 50, $1 75, and $2 per yard; good value for $2, $2 25, and $2 50 per yard.

LIGHT-COLORED SILKS,
SUITABLE FOR EVENING AND DINNER DRESS; PRICE, $1 25 and $1 50 per yard; good value at $2 50 per yard.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT of BLACK and COLORED LYONS
DRESS AND CLOAK VELVETS.
PRICES EXTREMELY LOW.

A LINE OF FANCY
DRESS AND TRIMMING VELVETS,
PRICE, $3 50 per yard; cost of importation, $5 per yard.

LYONS SATIN-STRIPED
GRENADINES
AT THE VERY LOW PRICE of 50c. per yard; very cheap at $1 per yard.

EXTRA HANDSOME FANCY
CHAMBERY,
FOR BALL and PARTY DRESSES, at VERY ATTRACTIVE PRICES.

BROADWAY, 4TH AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

LORD & TAYLOR
WILL CONTINUE THE SALE OF
BLACK CASHMERE SILKS
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
FORMER PRICE $2 50, NOW $2.
FORMER PRICE $2, NOW $1 50.
BLACK SILKS AT $1, WORTH $1 25.
ALSO,
Full lines of COLORED SILKS, at $1, $1 25, and $1 50 to $4 per yard.

FRENCH, GERMAN, AND AMERICAN
CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH
AND OTHER
DRESS GOODS
AT PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.
45-inch CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at 75c., reduced from $1.
45-inch CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at $1, reduced from $1 50.
45-inch KNICKERBOCKER SUITING at $1 25, $1 50, and $1 75.
48-inch KNICKERBOCKER PLAID at $1 25, $1 50, and $2.
42-inch Plaid CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at 75c. and $1.
45-inch Plain CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH, in all shades, from $1 to $2 50.
100 pieces small figure CASHMERE REPS at 18c.
200 pieces rich patterns CASHMERE REPS at 20c.
500 pieces Alpaca in all colors at 25c. worth 50c.
100 pieces mixed MOHAIRS at 25c. worth 37 1-2c.
200 pieces English SERGES at 25c. worth 50c.

DRESS PATTERNS
in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.
Fast-color AMERICAN PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.
COCHECO PRINTS, twelve yards for $1.

Broadway, cor. 20th street, N. Y.
Only one block west of Fourth avenue.
Grand street, cor. Chrystie, N. Y.
One block east of Bowery.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION
NO. 96 WARREN ST., NEW-YORK.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.
Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 Canal st., corner Laight.
Open daily from 10 to 3, and Monday evenings 5 to 7.
Assets, Over Eleven Million Dollars.
Surplus, One Million Dollars.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.
Books in English, French, and German.
G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer. | N. J. HAINES, President.
T. S. ARMOUR, Secretary.

INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF Merchants' clerks and others, No. 20 Union place, corner of East 15th st.—Dividend to Jan. 1, 1876, payable Jan. 17, 1876, at following rates per annum, viz.: Six per Cent. on sums of $5, and not exceeding $1,000, and Five per Cent. on larger sums.
A. GRACIE KING, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
Dec. 9, 1875.

DANCING.

ALLEN DODWORTH'S
DANCING SCHOOL,
NO. 212 FIFTH AV.
Brooklyn Branch at No. 198 Washington st. Classes or private lessons for ladies, gentlemen, and children. For particulars send for a circular.

DRY GOODS.

SANTA CLAUS
AT
E. RIDLEY & SONS'
309, 311, 311 1-2 Grand St., N. Y.
OPEN EVENINGS,
UNTIL
9 O'CLOCK.
ANOTHER EXHIBITION
OF TOYS
JUST
ARRIVED.
ALSO FINE FRENCH DOLLS.
TO-DAY.

E. RIDLEY & SONS
309, 311, 311 1-2 GRAND ST., N.Y.
SHOE DEPARTMENT.
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
50 NEW STYLES OF
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S
PLAIN MOROCCO
AND
HAND-MADE EMBROIDERED SLIPPERS.

ALSO, ANOTHER DELIVERY OF
GOAT PEBBLE, GLOVE-FITTING BOOTS,
$3 PAIR.
SEAMLESS GLOVE-FITTING KID WALKING BOOTS. } $4 PAIR.

WE SELL
HAND-MADE SHOES AT THE SAME PRICE CHARGED for machine work elsewhere.

MANUFACTURED BY
MESSRS. LOUNSBURY BROS. & ROCKWELL ON THEIR PATENT LAST.
☞ PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

E. Ridley & Sons,
309, 311, 311 1-2 Grand St.,
56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68 & 70 ALLEN ST.,
Fifth Block East from the Bowery.

ANDREWS PATENT ELEVATORS CONSTANTLY RUNNING ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

Great Reductions
FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
IN
Mourning Goods.

LORD & TAYLOR
WILL OFFER
DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
A FULL AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF MOURNING FABRICS,
AT EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE PRICES.
BLACK ALPACAS, MOHAIRS, and BRILLIANTINES, from 25c.
BARATHEAS, ARMURE, and CRAPE CLOTHS at 40c., 50c., 60c., 75c.
ENGLISH and FRENCH CASHMERES at 50c., 60c., 75c.
Also,
HENRIETTA, EMPRESS, and TAMISE CLOTHS,
FRENCH and ENGLISH BOMBAZINES, MERINOES,
THIBETS, SERGES, DIAGONALS, &c.,
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
A large stock of CAMEL'S HAIR and MATELASSE CLOTHS, COURTALD'S ENGLISH CRAPES, and CRAPE VEILS
IN ALL THE VARIOUS STYLES and QUALITIES.
Very full lines of MOURNING COLLARS, CUFFS, and SETS,
and
the largest assortment of BLACK SHAWLS at the lowest prices.

ORDERS FOR MOURNING OUTFITS PROMPTLY EXECUTED at very SHORT NOTICE.

DRESS PATTERNS
in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.
Fast-color American PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.
COCHECO PRINTS, twelve yards for $1.

Broadway, cor. 20th street, N. Y.,
One block west of Fourth avenue.
Grand street, corner Chrystie, N. Y.,
One block east of Bowery.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

T. HOOPER,
NO. 76 NASSAU ST., NEAR JOHN ST.
WORKS OF ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
FINE ENGRAVINGS,
COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS,
Received as soon as published.

AT R. H. MACY & CO.'S, 14TH ST. AND 6TH AV.
USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
PREMIUM GOLD PENS.
GOLD, SILVER, PEARL, RUBBER, CELLULOID, IVORY, CHARM PENCILS AND PEN CASES OF BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS; CHEAPEST AND BEST.

LOST AND FOUND.

DIAMOND BRACELET.—LOST, NEAR 37TH st., in Fifth or Madison av., on Friday evening, 17th inst., A CLUSTER DIAMOND AND GOLD BRACELET. One hundred dollars will be paid for its return to No. 411 5th av.

LOST—BANK BOOK NO. 24,786, ISSUED BY Franklin Savings Bank, New-York, to Abraham Meyer, in trust for Gussie Meyer. The finder will please return the same to No. 540 Grand st.

LOST—BANK BOOK NO. 16,175 BROADWAY Savings Bank. The finder will return it to the bank.

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE B. & N. A. R. M. S. P. CO.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

*RUSSIA....WED. Dec. 22|PARTHIA.....WED..Jan. 5
CHINA.......WED.. Dec. 29|ABYSSINIA..WED..Jan. 12

Steamers marked * do not carry steerage passengers.

Cabin passage, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms.

Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling green. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

PASSENGERS PER STEAM-SHIP RUSSIA embark from the Cunard wharf, foot of Grand st., Jersey City, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, 22d December, 1875.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN,
No. 4 Bowling Green, New-York.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS, sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

GERMANIC..................SATURDAY, Jan. 1, at 8 A. M.
CELTIC........................SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
ADRIATIC....................SATURDAY, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
BALTIC........................SATURDAY, Jan. 22, at 2 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships where the noise and motion are least, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

Rates—saloon, $60, $80, and $100, gold; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $28.

Drafts from £1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 37 Broadway, New-York.
R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

INMAN LINE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF BROOKLYN......Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER...Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1876, at 10 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL..........Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
CITY OF BERLIN...............Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND..........Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 P. M.

and each succeeding Saturday from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN..............................$60, $80 and $100, Gold
STEERAGE.......................................$28, Currency

Drafts issued at low rates.

For cabin passage and general business apply at the company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For steerage passage at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Via Queenstown.)

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

TUESDAY.

Leaving Pier No. 46 North River as follows:

WISCONSIN.................................Dec. 21, at 12, noon
WYOMING.................................Dec. 28, at 6:30 A. M.
NEVADA.......................................Jan. 4, at 10 A. M.
MONTANA.......................................Jan. 11 at 3 P. M.
IDAHO..Jan. 18, at 10 A. M.
DAKOTA..Jan. 25, at 3 P. M.

For steerage and intermediate tickets, at current rates, apply at No. 29 Broadway. For cabin passage, at $80 or $65, gold, (according to stateroom,) apply at No. 63 Wall st.

WILLIAMS & GUION.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, VIA PLYMOUTH.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

*PEREIRE, Danre...........................Saturday, Dec. 25
FRANCE, Trudelle...........................Saturday, Jan. 8

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) first cabin, $110 to $120, according to accommodation. Second cabin, $72; third, $40. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage, $26, with superior accommodation, including all necessaries without extra charge. Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers. LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, 55 Broadway.

STAR BALL LINE.

United States and Brazil Mail Steam-ships.

Sailing regularly every month from WATSON'S WHARF, BROOKLYN, N. Y.,

For Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio Janeiro,

Calling at ST. JOHN'S, PORTO RICO.

NELLIE MARTIN, 3,000 tons.........Jan. 23, at 1 P. M.
JOHN BRAMALL, 2,500 tons.........Feb. —
J. B. WALKER, 2,700 tons...........March —

When 23d falls on Sunday steamers sail the day previous.

These steamers are perfectly new, with all the latest improvements, having first-class passenger accommodations.

For freight and passage at reduced rates apply to J. S. TUCKER & CO., Agents, No. 54 Pine st.

GREAT SOUTHERN

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, SAILING FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3 P. M.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST.

GEORGIA..........................WEDNESDAY...........DEC. 22
CHAMPION........................SATURDAY.............DEC. 25

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent.

Goods forwarded free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., corner Warren,
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green,
Or BENTLEY D. HASELL, General Agent
Great Southern Freight Line, 317 Broadway.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO JAMAICA, HAYTI, COLOMBIA, and ASPINWALL, and to PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall.) First-class, full-powered iron-screw steamers, from Pier No. 51, North River.

FOR PORT-AU-PRINCE, KINGSTON, AUX CAYES, and JACMEL:

ETNA...Dec. 22.

FOR SANTA MARTHA, SAVANILLA, ASPINWALL ISTHMUS OF PANAMA, and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall:)

ATLAS...Dec. 28.

FOR KINGSTON, AUX CAYES, and JACMEL:

CLARIBEL..Jan. 8.

Superior first-class passenger accommodation.

PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents, No. 56 Wall st.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

Company's Pier, foot of 2d st., Hoboken.

SALIER........Sat.. Jan. 1 | MOSEL..........Sat.. Jan. 15
NECKAR.......Sat.. Jan. 8 | HERMANN.......Sat.. Jan. 22

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN:

First cabin..$100 gold
Second cabin..60 gold
Steerage..30 currency

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $32 currency. For freight or passage apply to OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling green.

ANCHOR LINE.

CARRYING U. S. MAIL.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

ELYSIA.......................SATURDAY, Dec. 25, at 3 P. M.
CALIFORNIA...............SATURDAY, Jan. 1, at 8 A. M.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Cabin passage, $65, $75, and $80, currency. Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $28.

Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling green.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

FLORIDA LINE.

FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AT 3 P. M.

INSURANCE TO DESTINATION ONE-HALF PER CENT.

GREAT REDUCTION IN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES,

ALWAYS AS LOW AS BY OTHER LINES, AND NO DETENTIONS.

Goods loaded on steamer when shipped.

Mark goods care RAVENEL & CO., Charleston, S. C.

For rates of freight or passage apply to

J. W. QUINTARD & CO., No. 177 West st.
Or to BENTLEY D. HASELL, No. 317 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS, AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

FOUR STEAM-SHIPS PER WEEK, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS.

CLEOPATRA, Capt. Bulkley, TUESDAY, Dec. 21, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 62 South st.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. Chesman, THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. Nickerson, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 12 M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

ASHLAND, Capt. Crowell, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 12 M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 93 West st.

Insurance on this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.

GEORGE YONGE,
Agent Central Railroad of Georgia,
No. 409 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE.

Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

CITY OF MEXICO..........................Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF VERA CRUZ....................Thursday, Dec. 30
CITY OF NEW-YORK.......................Thursday, Jan. 6

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS, Calling at HAVANA, PROGRESO, CAMPEACHY, TUSPAN, and TAMPICO.

CITY OF MEXICO..........................Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF HAVANA..........................Tuesday, Jan. 18

For freight or passage apply to F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway.

Steamers will leave New-Orleans Dec. 18 and Jan. 1 for Havana and the above ports.

WILSON LINE FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HULL.

Sailing from Pier No. 53 North River:

HINDOO.......Jan. 1 | NAVARINO.......Feb. 9
COLOMBO.......Jan. [illegible] | [illegible]......Feb. 19

First cabin, $70, currency; second cabin, $45, currency; excursion tickets on very favorable terms. Through tickets issued to Continental and Baltic ports. Apply for full particulars to CHARLES L. WRIGHT & CO., No. 56 South st.

SHIPPING.

AMERICAN LINE.

Weekly Mail Steam-ship service between PHILADELPHIA and LIVERPOOL, Calling at QUEENSTOWN,

Sailing every THURSDAY from Philadelphia, and Sailing every WEDNESDAY from Liverpool.

The following steamers are appointed to sail from Philadelphia:

INDIANA...............Dec. 16|*LORD CLIVE..........Jan. 6
ILLINOIS..............Dec. 23|OHIO..........................Jan. 13
*KENILWORTH.......Jan. 1|PENNSYLVANIA....Jan. 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN CURRENCY:

Cabin, $75 to $100, according to location.

Steerage and intermediate tickets to and from all points at the lowest rates.

Steamers marked with a star do not carry intermediate.

Passenger accommodations for all classes unsurpassed.

For passage, rates of freight, and other information apply to
PETER WRIGHT & SONS, General Agents,
No. 307 Walnut st., Philadelphia.
GEO. W. COLTON, No. 42 Broad st., N. Y.

STATE LINE.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

These first-class full-powered steamers will sail from Eagle Pier, Hoboken Ferry, New-Jersey, as follows:

STATE OF VIRGINIA.................Thursday, Dec. 30
STATE OF INDIANA...................Thursday, Jan. 13
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.........Thursday, Jan. 27

And every alternate Thursday thereafter. First cabin, $60, $70, and $80; return tickets, $120. Second cabin, $45; return tickets, $80. Steerage at lowest rates.

Apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

Steerage office No. 45 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River. FOR LONDON DIRECT.

ERIN..................................Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9 A. M.
CANADA.............................Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9 A. M.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Egypt, Jan. 1, 8 A. M. | Spain, Jan. 15, 8 A. M.
Helvetia, Jan. 8, 1:30 P. M. |

Cabin passage, $60 and $70, currency. Steerage at greatly reduced price. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. LINE.

FOR CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, AND CHINA. Sailing from Pier No. 42 North River, For Aspinwall.

COLON..FRIDAY, Dec. 31

touching at all Central American and Pacific ports.

EXCURSION TICKETS
TO THE CHILIAN EXPOSITION AND RETURN,
Good till March, 1876, $351, gold.
Outward, only $221, gold.

From San Francisco for Japan and China.

CITY OF PEKING..Jan. 1

FROM SAN FRANCISCO for AUSTRALIA and NEW-ZEALAND, via HONOLULU SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Steam-ship.......................................Monday, Jan. 3

For freight or passage apply at Pier No. 42 North River.
H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA

DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 13 North River, as follows:

CRESCENT CITY...................THURSDAY, Dec. 23
COLUMBUS..........................TUESDAY, Jan. 4

Accommodations unsurpassed. For freight or passage apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green; McKELLER LULING & CO., Agents in Havana.

WEEKLY FLORIDA LINE.

For Port Royal, S. C.; Fernandina, Fla.; Brunswick, Ga., the favorite and well-known steamer MONTGOMERY, Faircloth, Master, having superior accommodations for passengers, will sail THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M., for above ports, making connections with all points South and South-west, via Port Royal, the Florida and Brunswick Railroads.

First-class passage to Fernandina..............................$20 00
First-class passage to Jacksonville..............................22 50
First-class passage to Augusta.....................................20 00
First-class to Albany...22 50

Through tickets issued to all points South and South-west.

For freight or passage, apply to
HERM. GELPCKE,
No. 5 William st.

STEAMBOATS.

PROVIDENCE AND STONINGTON STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND BOSTON.

STONINGTON LINE,

FOR PROVIDENCE, NEWPORT, AND BOSTON.

The elegant steamers RHODE ISLAND, NARRAGANSETT, and STONINGTON leave Pier No. 33 North River, foot of Jay st., daily, (except Sundays,) at 4:30 P. M. Through tickets to principal New-England points at railroad depots and ticket offices. State-rooms secured at offices of Westcott Express Company, and at No. 319 Broadway.

PROVIDENCE LINE, (direct.)

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Trains leave New-York from foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 6 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 6 and 8:30 P. M.

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Express for Philadelphia, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, and 7 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:50, and 6:20 P. M.

For New Brunswick, 7, 8, and 11 A. M., 2, 3:10, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 7 P. M.

For East Millstone, 11 A. M., 3 and 6:20 P. M.

For Kingston and Rocky Hill, 9:30 A. M. and 4:10 P. M.

For Princeton, 7, 8:40 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4:10 and 7 P. M.

For Lambertville, 9:30 A. M., 2, 3 and 4:10 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Mercer and Somerset Branch, 3 P. M.

For Trenton, Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:30 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:30 A. M., 2 and 4:10 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Hightstown, Pemberton, and Camden, via Perth Amboy, 2:30 P. M., and via Monmouth Junction, 4:10 P. M.

For Hightstown and Pemberton, 6 A. M. via Perth Amboy, and 7:30 A. M. via Monmouth Junction.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:55 and 10:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M., daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:30 A. M., 4:10, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 6:30 A. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 6:30, 10:15, 11:20, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 4:05, 5:15, 5:50, 7:30, 9:44, 9:30, 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 5:10, 6:20, 6:30 A. M., 5:30, 7:40, 9:30, and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket Offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts.; No. 4 Court st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson st., Hoboken. Emigrant Ticket Office, No. 8 Battery place.

FRANK THOMSON, General Manager.
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ERIE RAILWAY.

Winter Arrangement of through trains, December, 1875. From Chambers Street Depot. (For 23d st. see note below.)

9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express. Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

10:45 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping coach to Buffalo.

7:00 P. M., daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Cleveland and Chicago.

8:00 P. M., except Sundays, Western Emigrant train.

Above trains leave Twenty-third Street Ferry at 8:45 and 10:15 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

For local trains, see time-tables and cards in hotels and depots.

JNO. N. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent.

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RIVER RAILROAD.—After [illegible], 1875, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Montreal Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, arriving at Niagara Falls 1:45 A. M.

4:00 P. M., Montreal and Western Express.

[illegible] P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans, arriving at Montreal 8:30 A. M.

6:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua. Also, for Montreal via Plattsburg.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Albany and Troy. Way trains as per local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS, Aug. 8, 1875.

Leave depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. at

7 A. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

1 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tunkhannock, &c., making close connection for Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

ROBERT H. SAYRE, Superintendent and Eng'r.

WICKFORD RAILROAD ROUTE TO NEWPORT.—Passengers for this line take 8:00 A. M. train from Grand Central Depot, arriving at 3:30 P. M.
[illegible] WARREN, Supt.

RAILROADS.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and freight station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg, with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—EXPRESS for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.
7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
8:30 P. M.—For Easton.
9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Nov. 29, 1875, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; For Newport at 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M., (9 P. M. on Sunday;) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 10 P. M., (10 P. M. on Sundays.)

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT, KINGS COUNTY.—JAMES BRADY, plaintiff, against SARAH BRENNAN and Sarah Brennan as administratrix, &c., of Eugene Brennan, deceased, Ann Farrell and Owen Farrell, her husband, Mary Kain and John Kain, her husband, O. T. Wallace, Mary Farrell, Harry Harker, Terence Murphy, and John H. Smith, defendants.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the County Court-house in the City of Brooklyn, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscriber at his office, No. 213 Montague street, in the City of Brooklyn, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated Brooklyn, November 12th, 1875.
CHARLES BRADSHAW, Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the defendants, Ann Farrell and Owen Farrell: Take notice, that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, and the complaint therein mentioned, were filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the County Court-house, in the City of Brooklyn, New-York State, on the 20th day of November, 1875.—Dated Brooklyn, November 24, 1875.
CHARLES BRADSHAW, Plaintiff's Attorney.
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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.—NOTICE IS hereby given that JOHN S. DE HART, of the City of New-Brunswick, County of Middlesex, and State of New-Jersey, hath this day made an assignment to the subscriber of his estate for the equal benefit of his creditors, and that the said creditors must exhibit their respective claims under oath or affirmation within the term of three months.—Dated Nov. 30, A. D. 1875. JOHN F. MITCHELL.

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WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT, Vice President.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of WILLIAM W. TRACY, JAMES WILLSON, THOMAS J. STRONG, and JOSEPH U. ORVIS, bankrupts.—Southern District of New-York, ss.: The Assignees in Bankruptcy in this bankruptcy, upon their final accounting, having paid to the Clerk of this court a sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars to await the determination of a certain contingent demand brought against the estate in bankruptcy of said bankrupts, and another sum of three hundred and fifty-two dollars and six cents to meet the expenses of settlement of said contingent demand, or, in case the same should not be established against the estate in bankruptcy of said bankrupts, to meet the expenses of the distribution of the aforesaid sum, as appears by the order made herein on July 8, 1870; and the said contingent demand against the estate in bankruptcy of the said bankrupts having been determined by reason of the final determination of the action in the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, brought against Elizabeth B. Tracy and another, as Executors, &c., of Frederick Tracy, deceased, except so far as respects the costs and expenses of the defense of said action, notice is hereby given, pursuant to an order of the court made in this bankruptcy on the ninth day of December, 1875, that by the said order the said claim for the reimbursement to the Executors of said Frederick Tracy, deceased, of the said cost and expenses so paid out and incurred by them in the defense of the said action, as well as all claims, if any, upon the said fund for services, expenses, and counsel fees of the Assignee's counsel, and the final distribution and disposition of the said fund or of the residue thereof, was referred to a meeting of the creditors of the bankrupts, to be held at the office of the undersigned, No. 322 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room No. 6, on the 24th (twenty-fourth) day of December, 1875, at one o'clock in the afternoon.—Dec. 13, 1875.
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NOTICE.—DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of THOMAS BARCLAY, bankrupt.—District of New-Jersey, ss.—This is to give notice that on the 17th day of December, 1875, a warrant of bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the district of New-Jersey against the estate of Thomas Barclay, of Uniontown, in the County of Middlesex, in said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition. That the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; and that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 89 Albany street, New-Brunswick, New-Jersey, before John C. Elmendorf, Esquire, Register in Bankruptcy for said district, on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M.
SAMUEL PLUMMER,
United States Marshal for said district.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 15th day of December, A. D. 1875, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JAMES L. ANTHONY, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition, that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 345 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before John Fitch, Register, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1876, at two o'clock P. M.
OLIVER FISKE, U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM MOLLER, GEORGE H. MOLLER, and WILLIAM F. MOLLER, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.: At the City of New-York, the thirteenth day of December, 1875.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate and effects of William Moller, George H. Moller, and William F. Moller, of the City of New-York, in said district, who were on the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1875, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New-York. WILLIAM A. BOOTH, Assignee,
d21-law3wTu No. 100 Wall street, New-York City.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of RUSSELL W. BURKE, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given that a third general meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt will be held on the 13th day of January, 1876, at one o'clock P. M., before James F. Dwight, one of the Registers of said Court in Bankruptcy, at his office, No. 7 Beekman street, New-York City, for the purposes named in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2, 1867, and the acts amending the same, or under the Revised Statutes of the United States, title "Bankruptcy," sections 5,092 and 5,093.—Dated New-York, December 15, 1875.
J. LAWRENCE McKEEVER, Assignee.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of THOMAS ROWE, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said court by Thomas Rowe, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 17th day of January, 1876, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 152 Broadway, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated New-York, on the 17th day of December, 1875.
d21-law2w GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of JESSE S. CARMAN and ALONZO F. CARMAN, bankrupts.—Jesse S. Carman, one of the said bankrupts, having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts and other persons in interest, to appear before the said court, at the State-house, in the City of Trenton, in said district, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.
W. S. BELVILLE, Clerk.
CHAS. F. HILL, Attorney.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of MAURICE COHEN, LIEBMAN COHEN, and SIMON BLOCK, bankrupts.—Liebman Cohen, one of the said bankrupts, having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear before the said court, at the State-house, in the City of Trenton, in said district, on the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of JESSE S. CARMAN and ALONZO F. CARMAN, bankrupts.—Alonzo F. Carman, one of the said bankrupts, having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear before the said court, at the State-house in the City of Trenton, in said district, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.
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CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Ten cases of wine were seized on board the Pereire yesterday and sent to the seizure room at the Custom-house.

Sheriff G. Petrie, of Oneida County, and Detective Haggerty, of Newark, N. J., last night lodged in Central Office Mortimer T. Clark, arrested on a charge of forgery.

A case of shoes, valued at $70, belonging to James Giles, of No. 303 West Twenty-third street, was stolen on Saturday afternoon from an express-wagon in Greenwich street.

Sneak-thieves entered the apartments of Frederick Morgenthal, at No. 193 East Fourth street, on Sunday afternoon during the absence of the occupants, and carried off $35 worth of wearing apparel.

A meeting will be held at Greenwich Hall, corner of Christopher and Hudson streets, this evening, to take action in relation to the abuses and evils existing in the offices of Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures.

The next meeting of the Columbia Law Association will be held to-morrow evening at Room No. 24 Cooper Institute. Hon. George H. Seaman will address the association on "The Relations of the Legal Profession to the Public and to their Clients."

Prof. Goldwin Smith, writing to a friend in this City, refers to a report circulated by some of the New-York papers that he had purchased the Toronto *Mail*, and intended to advocate the independence of the Canadas through its columns, and says it is entirely untrue.

The German Republican Association of the Sixth Assembly District met last evening at No. 24 Norfolk street. A committee was appointed to nominate officers of the association, and members of the General Committee to be chosen at the primary election on Wednesday evening, 29th inst.

Coroner Woltman yesterday held an inquest in the case of Mary Tansey, an Irish servant-girl, who was supposed to have strangled her infant at No. 21 Park row. The jury found that the child died from simple neglect on the part of the mother, who was committed to the Tombs in default of $500 bail.

The annual meeting of the New-York Colonization Society will be held this evening in the chapel of the Broadway Tabernacle, and will be addressed by Bishop Janes, Rev. David Inglis, D. D., and Rev. G. W. Samson. Interesting information will be given in regard to the war troubles in Liberia.

During an altercation at No. 43 Baxter street, on the evening of the 14th inst., Andrew Jackson, of No. 47 Baxter street, was struck on the head with a bottle by Samuel Lang, of No. 37 Ann street, and received a severe scalp wound. Erysipelas set in yesterday evening, and he was taken to the New-York Hospital. Lang was arrested yesterday evening.

Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson concluded her matinée lectures on English literature yesterday afternoon, the concluding subject being "The Lake School of Poets." At the conclusion of the lecture a resolution was presented and adopted thanking Mrs. Richardson for the entertainment and instruction she had afforded the attendants of the course, and a unanimous request was made that the lectures be repeated.

The National Temperance Society will hold a meeting in Association Hall, Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, this evening, to extend a public welcome to Hon. J. H. Raper, of the United Kingdom Alliance, now on a visit to this country. Hon. William E. Dodge, President, will preside. It is expected that addresses will be delivered by Mr. Raper, Rev. James B. Dunn, D. D., of Boston; Hon. Neal Dow, of Maine, and others.

The management of the Jewish Mission School at No. 42 Baxter street, which has proved very successful, thanks to the corps of zealous and volunteer teachers, are anxious to give the children under their charge a Christmas festival, but have not the means to do so, and ask for aid. Contributions may be sent to the school to Mrs. Doolittle, or to J. M. Goldberg, the Superintendent, Rooms Nos. 37 and 39 Bible House, Fourth avenue.

A meeting of the Albion Society was held last evening in their hall, No. 8 Union square. The report of the Executive Committee showed some charitable services rendered. One case was mentioned where $10 saved a worthy man and his family from being turned into the street by a hard-hearted landlord. The man has since obtained employment in the gas works, and will soon repay the money. After the transaction of some routine business the meeting was adjourned.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Managers of the New-York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held at the rooms of the society, No. 860 Broadway, yesterday afternoon, Thomas C. Acton in the chair. There were also present John D. Wright, Charles Haight, William L. Jenkins, R. H. Haines, J. Howard Wright, Henry Bergh, Elbridge T. Gerry, William H. Webb, Sinclair Tousey, Benjamin H. Field, Ferdinand De Luca, Frederic De Peyster, and Robert F. Bixby. A large amount of routine business was disposed of, including the election of a number of new members and the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements for the first annual meeting of the society, which will take place at Chickering Hall on Jan. 4.

BROOKLYN.

Register Whitney collected, last week, for arrears of all kinds, $32,236 62,

The hen-coops of J. H. Simpson, Frederick Hackman, William Wolf, and T. J. Suydam were robbed.

A Woman's Guild has just been formed, and numbers ladies from the leading churches of every denomination.

In the heavy gale of Sunday afternoon a portion of the new Jewish Synagogue Beth Elohim, was blown down.

The case of the ex-Police Superintendent John S. Folk against the Police Commissioners has been postponed until January.

The Temperance Brotherhood discovered twenty-one persons selling liquor on Sunday. The Board of Excise has been notified.

A Citizens' League is forming in opposition to the gas companies. They will burn oil until the price is reduced to $2 per thousand feet.

Justice Semler yesterday sent Lawrence Delaney to the Penitentiary for three months, for treating his wife and three children inhumanly.

The Corporation Counsel will reargue the case of the Inebriates' Home in the Court of Appeals. This question involves about $90,000, which it is sought to pay that institution out of the City Treasury.

Capt. Lerch, with some officers from the Fourth Precinct, yesterday closed the policy shop of Henry De Lamotte, at No. 88 Raymond street. Lamotte was arrested, and all his books and papers seized.

A person who was discovered trying to force the front door of Sylvester Brest's residence, No. 132 Keep street, proved to be a convict named John Whitaker, who escaped from Sing Sing Prison last Spring by seizing a locomotive.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the East River Bridge Company, held at the company's offices, in Water street, yesterday the President was authorized to certify and audit as correct the bills of the Champlain Blue Stone Company and the South Brooklyn Planing Company. Work has ceased on the bridge for the Winter.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Rev. Mr. Brewster, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, who was recently invited to become Rector of St. John's parish, New-London, has declined the call.

The ladies of St. Jacob's Catholic Church, West Mount Vernon, are holding a fair in Fourth Avenue Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of a new school under the care of the Sisters of St. Dominic.

A foot-race took place at White Plains yesterday, between Edward Taylor, of Stamford, Conn., and James Meany, of Yorkville. The distance was three hundred yards. The stakes were $300 a side. Meany took the lead and won the race amid the enthusiastic shouts of his friends. Time—36¼ seconds.

At the annual meeting of the White Plains Lodge of F. and A. M. the following officers were elected: Edward B. Long, Master; Elisha Horton, Senior Warden; Elisha P. Ferris, Junior Warden; Edward Schirmer, Treasurer; William H. Cutter, Secretary; George W. Brown, Senior Deacon; Caleb Heustis, Junior Deacon; Henry A. Maynard and J. Edward Pell, Masters of Ceremonies; George H. Mead, Chaplain; James E. Campbell, Marshal; R. H. Vaughan, Organist; J. S. Pye, Tiler; D. M. Underhill, Trustee.

NEW-JERSEY.

Collector Love, of Jersey City, reports the receipt of $160,248 20 in taxes and assessments last week.

Julius Schweitor was struck by a locomotive and seriously injured yesterday, while walking on the Weehawken Branch of the Erie Railroad, in Hoboken.

Peter Sandford, a well-known contractor and bridge builder, died Sunday night of apoplexy at his residence, on Clinton avenue, Newark, at the age of sixty-eight years.

The Hudson County Grand Jury came into court yesterday and presented 112 indictments. Among them was one against Thomas and James Goodwin, who are indicted for the murder of their father, about two months ago, at their residence, in Jersey City, during a drunken quarrel. Rev. C. C. Chauncey Burr, editor of the *Evening Palisades*, a small paper published in the northern part of the county, is indicted for publishing a malicious libel against Miss Cunningham, a Hoboken school-teacher.

Vice Chancellor Dodd has awarded $1,750 damages to Casper Kline, of Passaic, and $500 to his wife, for damages sustained by being run over by an Erie Railway freight train some months ago.

A notorious desperado and burglar, named Charles Taylor, made his escape from the County Jail at Trenton, lately, and is still at large. There are five charges of burglary pending against him.

The suit of Allan against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for damages for the alleged destruction of plaintiff's woods by fire, originating from sparks of one of defendants' locomotives, was concluded at Trenton, yesterday. A verdict will probably be rendered to-morrow.

Julius Dodge, a sailor employed on the schooner Kennedy, lying at the foot of Fourth street, Hoboken, was drowned on Sunday evening. He had been ashore all day, and, becoming intoxicated, fell from a plank leading from the wharf to the vessel. The body was recovered yesterday, and County Physician Stout gave a permit for burial.

A HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN

AN INSTITUTION WHICH IS DESERVING OF SUPPORT—AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC BY THE TRUSTEES.

According to an act passed by the Legislature at its last session, all children under the care of the Commissioners of Charities, at the Nursery on Randall's Island, who have passed the age of three years, and are not diseased or debilitated in any form, will be discharged on the 1st of January next. In order that all private institutions for the care of juveniles, and the guardians of the children to be sent away, should receive proper and timely notification of the proposed discharge of the children, a circular was prepared by the Charity Commission two months ago, and a copy sent to each institution in the City and to the friends of the little ones. The Roman Catholic Protectory in Westchester has made adequate provision for the reception of children of that persuasion, and the Juvenile Asylum and other institutions are prepared to receive some of the children of Protestant parents. A large number of this class will also be taken and cared for by the "Home for Christian Care." This institution was established by an act passed May 6, 1874, to meet such an emergency. It is authorized by charter to receive from the City authorities children who may be discharged from the public institutions. Its property consists of forty acres of land, situated near Sing Sing, upon which it has established its first home, under the care of an experienced and kindly matron. The Board of Trustees have taken preliminary steps to fit up several farm-houses for temporary occupation, and in these the children to be received from the Department of Charities will be provided with homes. The expense of fitting up these houses will not exceed $5,000, and for contributions toward this amount the society now appeals to the Protestant community. It is the further intention of the Trustees to provide facilities for training its wards in all the departments of mechanics and agriculture, if the charitable will contribute to its resources. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Melville Brown, the Treasurer, No. 134 Water street, or to the President, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., No. 323 Madison avenue. The Board of Trustees consists of the following gentlemen: Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., James Stillman, B. C. Wetmore, Rev. B. B. Leacock, D. D., H. G. Clapp, Frank Moore, Melville Brown, John O. Bache, R. C. Sampson, and F. M. Kelley.

HARPER & BROTHERS.

It is gratifying to any one who takes an interest in the art of printing, to observe the steady improvement which it has made in the United States during the past ten years. Though the English and German presses may still excel in some kinds of printing, and turn out wonderful works on Oriental languages in which every Eastern dialect is given in its own character, yet in all works in our own language, the principal printing firms of New-York and Boston can and do at this day produce as fine work as anything which can be shown abroad. This is true not only of high-priced works, but of that large mass of books which form the common stock of trade. The general average of printing has been raised, and when the public have the opportunity of comparing the books printed here with those printed abroad, as they will be exhibited side by side in the Centennial Exhibition, this great improvement will be recognized and appreciated more perhaps than it is now. Take the works of Harper & Brothers as an example. This firm is distinctively American; it has made no effort to imitate the style of foreign printed works; its name has always been identified with purely American books, and its work has very properly been regarded as the type of what New-York book offices could do. To say that it has always turned out as workmanlike goods as the foreign presses would be simple nonsense. It was the leading house in domestic printing; but the best of domestic printing was inferior to the foreign until within the past ten years. In that period there has been an immense advance in the art here, and now it requires a skillful eye to distinguish the books of Harper & Brothers from those of the leading English book firms. This is true of all classes and prices of them, the editions *de luxe* and those for common use. Though Harper & Brothers do not pretend to make a special feature of those elaborately-printed works usually advertised for holiday presents, they display a large collection of works which may vie with the best of these. A pretty little gift book is *The Catskill Fairies*, a collection of charming fairy stories, very prettily illustrated by Alfred Fredericks. It is well printed, on fine paper, with full gilt edges, and bound in excellent taste. Will Carleton's *Farm Ballads* is another book, for which the demand is so large that it is no exaggeration to say that the press is kept constantly running to supply it. It is gratifying to see this, for it shows how heartily the reading public appreciate a literature which is racy of the soil. This book is a distinctive product of American life, as much so as any of Bret Harte's stories; it follows no foreign model, deals with none but home subjects, and the reader finds there is a humorous and poetical side to life, which at first sight seems destitute of either quality. *Nooks and Corners of the New-England Coast*, is also a fine gift-book, and an excellent specimen of printing and illustration. The ever popular Paul du Chaillu's *Books for Young People*, may be appropriately mentioned here. They are published in five volumes, illustrated, and the set makes a very acceptable present for the younger members of the family. *Wild Animals; their Life and Habits*, is a beautiful book, illustrated from designs by Joseph Wolf. These designs were evidently a labor of love with the veteran artist and lover of the animal creation, and we have seen nothing finer in any book published. The drawings have all the energy and dramatic effect of the work of the best French artists, with the fidelity to nature for which Wolf is so justly celebrated. *Songs of our Youth*, by the author of *John Halifax, Gentleman*, is a book of songs set to music, and very prettily bound and illuminated. It is excellently adapted for a Christmas or New Year's present, as is the set of *Books for Girls*, by the same talented authoress. The *Fairy Books*, a set of fairy tales printed separately, illustrated, and written by some of the most popular writers of this class of literature, are in much demand at this time, as also Jacob Abbott's *Science for the Young; Abbott's Histories; Dogs and their Doings*, elegantly illustrated; *Adventures of a Young Naturalist*, by Lucien Biart; Tennyson's works, containing his latest poem, *Queen Mary*, and Rev. Henry J. Van Lennep's *Bible Lands*, a work much called for by ministers and other persons interested in Biblical literature. Harper & Brothers also publish all the works of the late Dr. Livingstone, and it should be mentioned to their credit that they have paid a handsome sum to the family of the deceased traveler for the privilege of doing so.

THE THIRD TERM ADVOCATED.

At a meeting of the Grant Central Club last evening, held at the Ashland House, at Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, over which Col. Duganne presided, an address advocating the claims of Gen. Grant to a third term of the Presidency was read. Among other things, it says: "We advocate the renomination of President Grant in 1876 because of grave considerations. Our nation is now, under the wise policy of non-interference pursued by his Administration, removed from entanglement with foreign complications. Our internal affairs, firmly but impartially directed, are progressing toward final adjustment. Our financial difficulties are the only obstacles to general prosperity; and in the event of war in Europe the safety of American securities must bring the bullion of commerce and investment to our shores, provided that no perilous change in our national administration shall endanger domestic concerns, and—as a consequence—impair our credit abroad. The position of President Grant is so well understood to be alike pledged for peaceful relations with all nations, and for the restoration and guarantee of quiet in our own States, that his name is a synonym for security in peace as in war." There were between thirty and forty members present, and the address was unanimously adopted, after which the Chairman made a few remarks, urging the propriety of forming similar clubs throughout the country, and the meeting adjourned.

THE BROOKLYN ALDERMEN.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met yesterday, Alderman Bergen in the chair. After some routine business had been transacted a communication was received from the Mayor, nominating Mr. James Murphy, of the Fourteenth Ward, for President of the Board of City Works. The nomination was rejected, as it had been once before. Alderman Bergen moved that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to draft an amendment to section 41 of the City Charter, raising the rate of interest on tax certificates from ten to fifteen per cent, and giving the City the right to purchase property for unpaid assessments. In speaking to his motion the Alderman said that the rate of interest paid was so low that no buyers could be found to invest in the property, and that the City was consequently compelled to buy the lots put up for sale and make payment in bonds issued for the purpose. As the question was new to several members of the board, it was laid over with the consent of Alderman Bergen, and made the special order of business for next week. A report from the Commissioners of Police was read, giving information asked for in June last with regard to the present strength of the Police force and the advisability of increasing it. Attached to the report, which gave a number of statistics showing that the present force was entirely inadequate to protect a city of the area and population of Brooklyn, was a resolution asking for the appropriation of $317,000. An increase of 200 men is needed, and the above sum is requisite for that purpose in the opinion of the Police Commissioners. The report and resolution were laid over for a week, after which the board adjourned.

A FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR SHARKEY.

Since the escape of the murderer, William J. Sharkey, from the Tombs, two years ago, every exertion has been used by District Attorney Phelps to secure his recapture. When it was discovered that he had succeeded in reaching Cuba, Private Detective Henry W. Davies was sent to Havana to negotiate for Sharkey's surrender by the Spanish authorities, there being no extradition treaty between this country and Spain. Captain General Valmaseda, influenced by Julian Zulueta, the slave owner and member of the Casino Espagnol, with other friends of the fugitive in Havana, finally decided to send Sharkey to Santander and enroll him in the Alfonsist Army. This was done several months ago. Some three weeks ago a Police officer in Montreal, Canada, noticed a young man acting in a most suspicious manner in the bar-room of the St. Lawrence Hall. On comparing the features of the suspicious person with a photograph of Sharkey the likeness between the two was so great that the officer at once came to this City, and informed the authorities of the matter. Immediate action was taken by District Attorney Phelps, and the services of Detectives Tilley and Heidelberg, of the Merchant's Detective Bureau, No. 322 Broadway, were engaged. A requisition for Sharkey's arrest was procured from Gov. Tilden, and intrusted to Detective Tilley. It was this document which was stolen from the District Attorney's office by the telegraph messenger boy Henry Hall, in reference to whose arrest there was so much reticence. On receiving the requisition Detective Tilley at once proceeded to Montreal and co-operated with Detective Cullen, of that city. After some difficulty they discovered the suspicious person in reference to whose movements information had reached District Attorney Phelps. He proved to be a thief and a most accomplished swindler, but was not Sharkey. Detective Tilley states that were the two men placed side by side it would be difficult for one not intimately acquainted with Sharkey to pick him out. Detective Tilley returned to this City yesterday and reported the result of his expedition to the District Attorney.

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In steam-ship General Barnes, from Savannah.—Mrs. H. Gordier, Miss Morris, Miss Rider, Miss Jeannie Gordon, Dr. W. A. Moseley, H. C. Oliver, Urbain Badeye, G. Ahlers, Charles Digin, James C. King, G. A. Osborne, W. H. Cushman, D. Woodward, R. Taylor.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:21 | Sun sets.....4:36 | Moon rises..1:31
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook..3:41 | Gov. Island...3:30 | Hell Gate...4:59

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK...............MONDAY, Dec. 20.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships City of Sydney, Dow, San Francisco, via Punta Arenas, Central America, Pacific Mail Steam-ship Co.; Franconia, Bragg, Portland, Me., J. F. Ames.

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Sloop Fred Brown, Wilson, Providence, R. I., H. W. Jackson & Co.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship George Cromwell, Bacon, Halifax Dec. 16, with mdse. and passengers to Clark & Seaman. Has had strong N. W. gales the entire passage. While docking the ship night of the 19th Mr. Bacon, second mate, fell overboard unobserved and was nearly drowned before being rescued, having been in the water twenty minutes.

Steam-ship City of Houston, Deering, Galveston Dec. 11 and Key West 16th, with mdse. and passengers to Charles H. Mallory & Co.

Steam-ship Wyoming, (Br.,) Price, Liverpool Dec. 8 and Queenstown 9th, with mdse. and passengers to Williams & Guion.

Steam-ship General Barnes, Cheeseman, Savannah Dec. 16, with mdse. and passengers to William R. Garrison.

Steam-ship Regulator, Howe, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, with mdse. and passengers to William P. Clyde & Co.

Steam-ship Harrisburg, Worth, Philadelphia.

Steam-ship Glaucus, Bearse, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Metropolitan Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship Ellen S. Terry, Salyear, Newbern Dec. 17, with mdse. and passengers to Josiah J. White.

Ship Hudson, Pratt, London 55 ds. with mdse. to Grinnell, Minturn & Co.

Bark Masonic, Rice, Havana 13 ds. out with sugar to Gossler & Co.—vessel to James E. Ward & Co. Has been 9 ds. N. of Hatteras with heavy N. N. W. and W. N. W. gales in which shifted cargo and split sails; Dec. 11, lat. 35, lon. 74 30, passed a quantity of floating lath.

Brig Hiram Abiff, (of Wiscassett,) Tibbitts, St. Jago de Cuba Nov. 25, with sugar to Brooks & Co.—vessel to Miller & Houghton. Had fine weather till Dec. 7, lat. 24 lon. 74.30, when encountered heavy W. and N. W. gales, in which lost and split sails.

Brig Curacoa, (of Windsor, N. S.,) Faulkner, Curacoa 16 ds., with mdse. to Joseph Foulke's Sons. Has had variable weather; schr. Mary Collins, for New-York, via Bonair, sld. Dec. 3.

Schr. E. V. Glover, Ingersoll, Georgetown, S. C., 5 ds., with naval stores to Dollner, Potter & Co.—vessel to E. D. Hurlbut & Co.

Schr. Ben Bolt, (of St. Andrews, N. B.,) Drake, St. George, N. B., 15 ds., via New-London, with lath and stone to Jed Frye & Co.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 20.—The White Star steamer Adriatic, Capt. Perry, from New-York Dec. 11, passed Crookhaven at 11 P. M. yesterday.

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